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Alia jet crashes in Qatar; 45 dead



WRECKAGE: The wreckage of a Royal Jordanian Airlines jet- liner at Doha airport Wednesday after it crashed while attempting to land in bad weather. 45 persons were killed. (AP photo)

DOHA, March 14 (AP) — A Royal Jordanian Airlines jetliner crashed while trying to land here during a sudden violent storm early Wednesday, killing 45 out of the 64 persons aboard, according to an official count.

An eyewitness at the Qatar airport said the plane was making its third attempt to land "when it suddenly appeared to fall out of the sky while it was about 100 feet over the runway."

The Boeing 727 burst into flames, but rescue services managed to pull out 19 persons, all

Arabs except for two Britons, one of whom — a woman — is in a serious condition, airport sources reported.

The state-run Qatar News Agency said the plane was carrying 49 passengers, most of them Jordanians, and a crew of 15. Several Europeans were also on board, the agency said.

It provided the death toll of 45 killed and 19 rescued, although there were other reports that the death toll might be even higher.

"The bodies were so mutilated that it caused some confusion over the number of people killed," officials said.

Jordanian officials said the air- liner's pilot was among those killed. Several women and children were also among the victims, officials said.

A team of investigators, including the directors of Alia and the Jordanian Civil Aviation Authority, arrived in Doha later Wednesday to investigate the crash.

Airport sources said the doomed plane was making its third attempt to land after circling the airport during the violent storm.

"The pilot told the control tower, he would fly on to his next stop, Muscat, in Oman, if he was unable to land on his third run," one airport source who did not wish to be identified said.

The sources said rescue services were still sifting through the wreckage.

The plane was on a flight from Amman, to the Sultanate of Oman, with an intermediate stop at Doha.

Qatar is frequently hit by sud-

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Israel, Palestinians exchange prisoners

GENEVA, March 14 (AP) — An Israeli Army reservist was traded for 66 unidentified Palestinians Wednesday.

The operation, conducted under the auspices of the International Red Cross, took place at Geneva Airport where the Palestinians, including six women, were swapped for Abraham Amram, a 33-year old Israeli soldier who had been held for almost a year by the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine General Command (PFLP-GC), a section of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Although Israel released 76 Palestinians, only 66 took part in the Geneva exchange. A Red Cross spokesman said in Geneva that 10 Palestinians had decided not to take part and would remain in Israeli-occupied territory.

The Geneva part of the exchange began at 07.25 local time when a Tupolev 154 aircraft of the Bulgarian national airline touched down after a flight from Damascus carrying Amram, a Red Cross delegate and several newsmen.

Five minutes later, a chartered Israeli Boeing 707 from Tel Aviv landed and came to a halt 800 meters away at the other end of the airport tarmac. On board were the 66 Palestinians, two Red Cross mediators, a doctor, some Israeli officials and more newsmen.

At 11.17, after almost four hours of security-tight maneuvers, the operation was completed and the Boeing soared back into the air, this time whisking Amram home to Israel.

Forty minutes later, after a brief delay to re-fuel, the Tupolev followed, taking its Palestinian passengers to Tripoli, Libya. Also on board were Jean Hoefliger, the Red Cross Middle East delegate general who had been chief mediator between the Israelis and the PFLP-GC, and a second Red Cross delegate.

Amram was heading home after being held a prisoner of war since his capture on April 4 last year when he and several comrades crossed the cease-fire line separating an Israeli invasion force from the Palestinians.

The 66 Palestinians released had all been captured by the Israelis in the Occupied Territories. Red Cross spokesman Alain Modoux said many of them belonged to the PFLP itself and that some had been sentenced to life in prison.

Earlier reports from Damascus said those released comprised "all factions" while Israel Radio said they included some famous names who had appeared on ransom lists.

Israel has always officially refused to exchange imprisoned commandos for Israelis held by Palestinian organizations beyond its borders.

The government has turned a deaf ear to demands by commandos who have taken hostages — either in attacks in Israel or in hijackings abroad — to trade them for captured commandos.

But the record shows that Israel is in fact prepared to release Palestinian prisoners in exchange for Israelis held by commandos. Such exchanges, never officially acknowledged, have usually been at different but coordinated times.

Instances include: The exchange of two Syrian pilots for two Israelis in 1969. The Israelis were held hostage by the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine following their hijacking of a Trans World Airlines plane on a flight from Tel Aviv.

Ridicule U.S. estimates Soviets deny Yemen presence

MOSCOW, March 14 (AP) — The Soviet Union Wednesday denied current U.S. estimates of the number of Soviet and Cuban advisers in South Yemen.

The newspaper "Sovetskaya Rossiya" termed as an "invention" American estimates of 801 Soviet advisers and 300 to 500 Cuban advisers helping the Aden regime in its conflict with North Yemen.

The newspaper, a publication of the Communist Party Central Committee, said every time the United States wants to interfere in the internal affairs of a country, it manufactures a Soviet or a Cuban threat.

Once this campaign begins, the paper said, the United States sends in planes, tanks and other arms hoping to make that country another U.S. military base.

"Sovetskaya Rossiya" was commenting on U.S. plans to send arms and military advisers to North Yemen, a strategy outlined by Acting Secretary of State William Crawford Monday.

The newspaper described the U.S. actions as sinister and designed to create a new source of tension in the Middle East.

The Pentagon said Tuesday that up to 95 American civilian and military instructors will be sent to North Yemen in the next few weeks to train its forces in the use of United States weapons.

Pentagon spokesman Thomas Ross also said that as many as 200 other Americans would be training North Yemenis elsewhere.

"I should emphasize that these training teams will be involved in training in rear areas, not in combat zones," Ross said.

Border clashes between North

Yemen and South Yemen erupted on Feb. 23 after several years of tension between the two neighbors.

The Pentagon spokesman said that 12 Northrop F-5E aircraft being sold to North Yemen would leave McClellan Air Force Base in California, perhaps by Thursday, on their way to the area.

Americans will then begin initial training of the Yemeni pilots with the F-5S. The Yemenis already know how to fly older Soviet Mig-17S which they received from the Soviets years ago, and have been training on an earlier version of the F-5 since January.

Ross said the Yemenis could be

flying the F-5S in combat in a matter of weeks.

The Americans going to North Yemen will be a combination of Army and Air Force men and Northrop personnel.

Earlier, Defense Department sources said some U.S. instructors have already been in and out of North Yemen to demonstrate a shoulder-carried antitank missile which the Pentagon has rushed to North Yemen by the thousands recently.

But the sources, like Ross, said no combat role was planned or expected for the instructors.

Pentagon officials are so wary of (Continued on back page)

Israeli cabinet approves peace treaty compromises

TEL AVIV, March 14, (Agencies) — The Israeli cabinet Wednesday approved two key proposals in a deal which cleared the way for a peace treaty with Egypt.

Prime Minister Menachem Begin told reporters after a cabinet meeting:

"A few minutes ago I telephoned the president of the United States, Mr. Jimmy Carter, to say that the two last outstanding issues had been resolved by a positive decision of the Israeli cabinet."

He was referring to the compromise proposals put to him Tuesday by President Carter and subsequently approved by President Anwar Sadat.

The cabinet vote was 15 in favor, none against with one minister deferring his vote.

Begin gave no other details, but informed sources said the first of the proposals concerned the supply of oil from the Sinai fields which Israel would evacuate under a peace treaty.

The second proposal dealt with the stages of the Israeli withdrawal from Sinai and the timing on an exchange of ambassadors between Israel and Egypt.

These two issues took up long hours of intensive negotiations during Carter's Middle East peace mission which ended Tuesday in unexpected success.

While the cabinet was meeting in West Jerusalem, occupation forces in the Arab section were clashed with demonstrators protesting against the onset of the treaty.

At one point police fired into the air to disperse students demonstrating near old city wall.

An Israeli radio report said police moved in and arrested 14 students at an East Jerusalem school.

President Carter's peace mission appears to have ended 16 months of hard negotiations that followed president Sadat's visit to Jerusalem in 1977.

Carter's success was greeted with general approval by the Israeli press and public, although hardliners objected to giving up Sinai as the price of peace.

Officials said the cabinet would hold another meeting next Sunday, on general aspects of the treaty itself.

A debate on autonomy has also been demanded by hardliners who fear that it will entail forfeiting Israeli control over areas they regard as part of the "Jewish biblical heritage."

One issue that appeared to have been settled in the course of Carter's mission was Egypt's demand for Gaza to be given self-rule



PEACE TREATY: An Egyptian newspaper vendor reads about the upcoming peace treaty between Egypt and Israel. Newspaper headlines in Arabic, English and French announce the breakthrough in the peace talks and the signing of the treaty. (AP Wirephoto)

ahead of the West Bank and for Egyptian liaison officers to be stationed in Gaza.

In Washington, meanwhile, president Carter said Wednesday that "all of the outstanding issues" between Egypt and Israel "have now been successfully resolved" by the Israeli cabinet acceptance of the compromise proposals.

Shortly after the Israeli cabinet approval, Carter issued a statement saying Begin "has just called me with the good news."

He congratulated Begin and President Sadat and added:

"The peace which their peoples so clearly need and want is close to reality."

Arab reaction to the proposed treaty was overwhelmingly negative.

Palestinian commando leader Yasser Arafat called for a pan-

Arab oil embargo against Egypt if Sadat signs the treaty.

His call came in an address to an "Arab people's congress" that convened Tuesday to study what measures should be taken to counter President Carter's latest Middle East initiative.

"Palestinian commandos will treat any oil-rich Arab country that fails to apply the embargo as they will treat Sadat," said Arafat in an opening speech that was published by Beirut newspapers Wednesday.

Syria called the projected treaty a "conspiracy" and accused Sadat of making "humiliating concessions" to Carter.

The Syrian attack over the state radio warned that a bilateral treaty would "incline rather than defuse" the Middle East conflict.

Reports from Damascus said (Continued on back page)

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At end of Riyadh meeting

Arab states must adhere to boycott, ministers say

RIYADH, March 14 (SPA) — Health ministers from Arab countries ended three days of meetings here with a call for more rigorous compliance with the Arab Boycott of Israel.

The Arab Health Ministers' Council, meeting here for the third day under Saudi Health Minister Dr. Hussein Al-Jazairi, affirmed that decisions against foreign companies dealing with Israel must be honored.

Public health services and private medical practice in Arab countries should not purchase drugs, hospital equipment or services from blacklisted companies, the council said.

At the same time, the council recommended steps to reduce Arab dependence on foreign suppliers of pharmaceuticals. The ministers recommended that priority should be given to the manufacture of drugs in Arab countries as substitute for foreign supplies.

An earlier recommendation that Arab-manufactured medicines be exempt from customs duty should be followed up, the council said.

The council will draft a unified Arab policy on medicine and establish a central research laboratory for use of Arab countries. An Arab seminar on drugs is

slated for July.

The ministers earmarked an addition of \$2 million to the 1979 budget of the Arab Health Development Fund. The Arab Accident Research Center will also be developed as an independent body, chaired by representatives of all Arab Health Ministries.

The council approved a Kuwaiti proposal to hold a conference on Islamic medicine in Kuwait to mark the advent of the 15th century of the Islamic era. During the conference, an exhibition of manuscripts and books on Islamic medicine will be organized.

The council met for one hour behind closed doors in the morning to discuss health conditions in the occupied Arab territories and among Palestinian refugees.

The Lebanese chief delegate thanked the council for extending medical assistance worth \$600,000 to Lebanon last year.

The council also addressed cables to King Khaled, Crown Prince Fahd and Dr. Jazairi, thanking them for hosting the conference.

Accidents down

JEDDAH, March 16 — Monday saw the lowest number of traffic accidents in Jeddah for the whole year, according to Lt. Col. Asad Abdul Karim, director of Jeddah traffic. There were only three accidents, he told "Al-Medina".



HEALTH: Arab health ministers, with Saudi minister Dr. Hussein Al-Jazairi at center, at the close of Tuesday's session.

IDB session ends

Aba Al-Khail confers with Amin

RIYADH, March 14 (SPA) — Finance Minister Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khail arrived back here Wednesday after talks in Kampala with Ugandan President Idi Amin.

Sheikh Muhammad, who led the Saudi delegation to the two-day annual governors' meeting of the Jeddah-based Islamic Development Bank here, held cordial talks on relations with President Amin. The meeting was attended by Saudi Charge d'Affaires Saleh Al-Sabeq.

Sheikh Muhammad expressed satisfaction with the IDB board meeting which agreed at its closing session Wednesday to grant three million Islamic Dinars (about \$5 million) to assist Uganda during its present "crisis".

The annual meeting, chaired by Ugandan Finance Minister Abdul Hamid Jamba, proposed that the bank's executive directors study guarantees from member states for the repayment of loans. Directors from Saudi Arabia, Libya, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Guinea-Bissau, Niger, Egypt and Turkey, Algerian and Indonesia were elected.

The bank also approved the formation of a reserve fund to protect contributions from fluctuations on world money markets.

Riyadh to have 1st buses for public in four months

RIYADH, March 14 (SPA) — The first fleet of buses, to be purchased by the Saudi Arabian Public Transport Company, will begin operating in Riyadh in four months' time, Sheikh Hussein Mansouri, minister of communications and chairman of the company's board of directors said Wednesday.

The company plans to cover a number of cities but operations will be restricted to Riyadh initially, the minister said.

In a meeting chaired by Mansouri Tuesday, the board adopted measures to hire executives and machinery to set up garages, workshops and depots in the capital.

The minister said that Tuesday's decision of the Council of Ministers to buy diesel buses from abroad would speed up the operation of the company.

Mansouri Wednesday met Greek Ambassador Constantinos Vassilakis accompanied by members of a delegation of Hellenic Chamber of Commerce now on a visit to the Kingdom.

The two sides discussed cooperation in maritime transport.

350 nabbed in week

JEDDAH, March 14 — Three hundred and fifty men were arrested and remanded in custody for breaking traffic regulations here last week, the Traffic Department said. On Monday alone, 50 men were arrested, according to press reports.

Minister to expound youth unit

RIYADH, March 14 (SPA) — Sheikh Hassan ibn Abdullah Al-Sheikh, minister of higher education and president of the World Assembly of Muslim Youth, will hold a press conference on the opening of WAMY's fourth meeting there Sunday.

Small ports set to ease pressure

JEDDAH, March 14 — Official sources at the General Ports Authority say that a number of small ports will be built to reduce the pressure on the main ports. There will be a port at Al-Khobar, and a fishing harbor in Darain, according to "Al-Medina".

They said that the General Ports Authority had raised the capacity of existing ports by 150 per cent and increased the number of berths from 114 to 171.

Errant builders to get no services

JEDDAH, March 16 — Contractors and landlords who break the municipality building regulation will not be supplied with essential services, according to Dr. Hassan Balkhi, acting mayor of Jeddah. Dr. Balkhi said that neither water, electricity nor telephone lines will be connected if there are infringements, "Al-Medina" reported Wednesday.

Malaysia aide tours university

MECCA, March 14 (SPA) — Datuk Muhammad Ibn Al-Haj Yaacob, the chief minister of Kelantan in Malaysia, Wednesday visited the King Abdul Aziz University branch here. He discussed with Dr. Jaafar Al-Sabbagh, the secretary of the university, the state of cooperation between the Islamic Study Center in Malaysia and educational establishments in Saudi Arabia.

Rabegh fisherman catches record

JEDDAH, March 14 — A report submitted to the General Ports Authority has revealed that a Rabegh fisherman caught a record 80,000 kilos of fish last month, according to "Al-Medina" Wednesday.

Mosque body hears report of slur

MECCA, March 14 (SPA) — The World Supreme Council of Mosques here Wednesday discussed a report of slanders of the Holy Prophet in the latest edition of the French Encyclopaedia Larousse. The meeting, the council's fourth session, also heard a confidential report from the General Secretariat for Mosques and a report on mosques in the United States.

Helicopter rescue base inaugurated in Dhahran

DAMMAM, March 14 (SPA) — Eastern Province Governor Prince Abdul Mohsen ibn Jiluwi Wednesday opened a civil defense helicopter base at Dhahran Airport.

After cutting the ribbon, the governor watched a display and a rescue and fire-fighting operation.

The prince then inspected the helicopters and toured the base.

The ceremony was attended by Lt. Gen. Kamal Sirajuddin, assistant public security director for civil defense, Lt. Col. Seraj Sunbul, director of the Civil Defense Department in the Eastern Province and other senior officers.

Lt. Col. Sunbul said that more bases will be opened in various parts of Saudi Arabia to improve public safety and assist fire brigades.

8,000 lines

Kayyal inspects Taif phone schemes

TAIF, March 14 (SPA) — Minister of Post, Telephone and Telegraph Dr. Alawi Darwish Kayyal Wednesday made an inspection of work here on the automatic telephone expansion project.

The contract, signed last year with a consortium of Dutch, Swedish and Canadian firms, will add nearly half a million lines to the Saudi network. The first phase of 75,000 lines has just gone into service, Kayyal said.

Taif's share in the first phase of

the SR12 billion project is 8,000 lines.

A further 100,000 lines in Saudi towns will be commissioned six months later, 75,000 lines 18 months later with the remainder going into service according to a fixed schedule, he said.

The Minister Wednesday inspected various facilities in the area, for the coaxial cable, telephone exchanges and telephone units.

Dr. Kayyal has already visited Mecca, Medina, Qasim, the Southern Province, Riyadh, the Eastern Province and Jeddah, for similar on-the-spot inspection.

In Jeddah, Kayyal toured coaxial cable which will link the Medina Road and the Bab Mecca exchanges. The work will be completed in three months' time.

The minister told "Al-Medina" newspaper Tuesday that the project could handle any conceivable extension during the coming 25 years. The link between the two exchanges will connect the Jeddah-Taif-Riyadh system and the Kingdom microwave network.

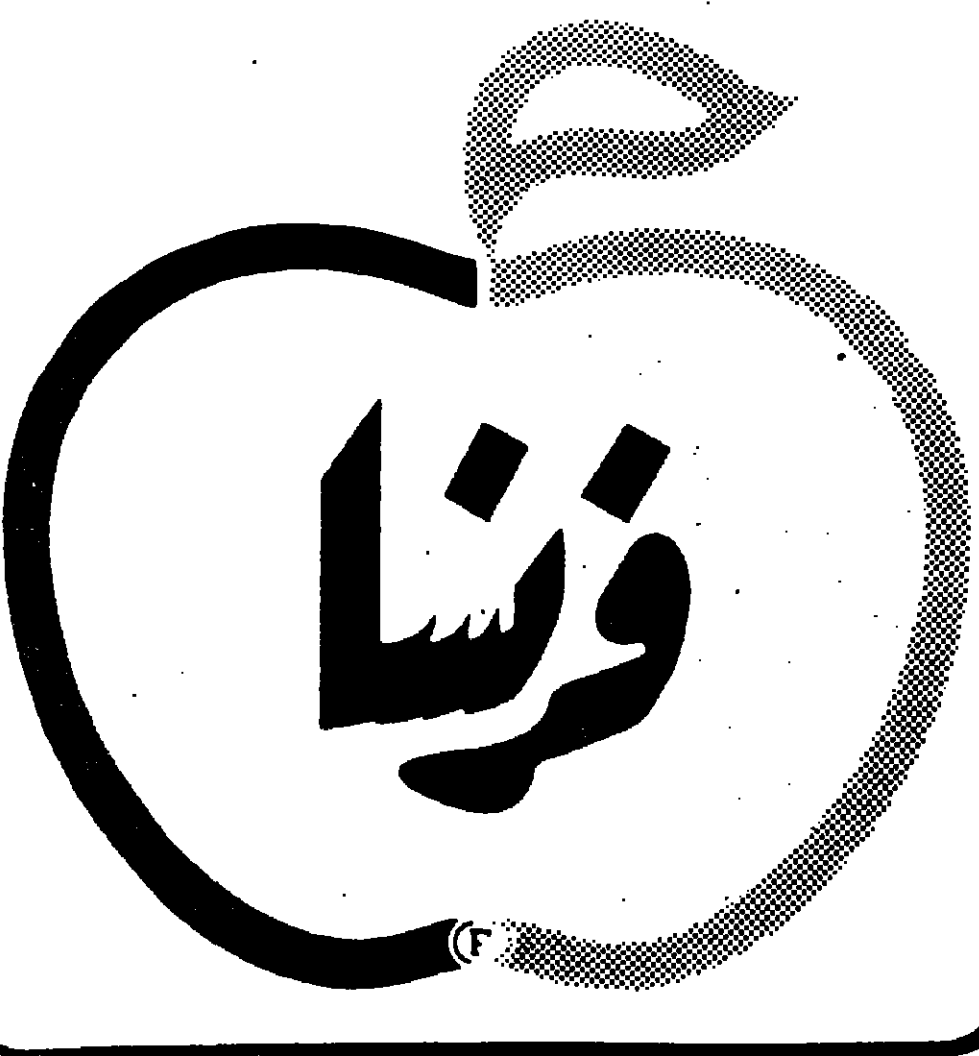
Khaled contacts Kuwaiti Ruler

KUWAIT, March 14 (SPA) — Ruler of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah Wednesday received a message from King Khaled.

The message was delivered to the Ruler by Saudi Ambassador Sheikh Fahd Al-Sudairi.

The contents of the message were not disclosed.

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U.N. resolution readied

Neutrals seeking Israel censure

UNITED NATIONS, March 14 (Agencies)—Non aligned members of the Security Council, apparently seeking tough U.N. action against Israel, have called for the condemnation of Israeli settlements in the occupied territories.

The nonaligned states proposed that the council establish a commission to investigate the situation in the territories, including Jerusalem, which would report back by May 31.

Israel's failure to comply with the commission's findings would "impel the Security Council to invoke the appropriate powers vested in it by the United Nations charter," according to the draft text circulated by the nonaligned members.

The mention of appropriate powers appeared to be a code word for coercive measures, such as sanctions.

The council's nonaligned members are Bangladesh, Bolivia, Gabon, Jamaica, Kuwait, Nigeria and Zambia.

The 15-nation council has been debating Israeli policy toward the occupied territories since last Friday.

The establishment of Israeli settlements has been denounced by the United States, among others, but the Americans were expected to abstain on the resolution.

The nonaligned states' proposals would have the council express grave anxiety and concern over the situation in the territories and the most ominous and accelerating erosion of the status of Jerusalem and the rest of the occupied Arab territories as a result of the Israeli occupation authorities' systematic, relentless and deliberate policy of establishment of settlements and colonization of these territories.

The council would be asked to determine "that all such policies and practices taken by Israel in the Palestinian and other Arab territories occupied since 1967 have no legal validity and constitutes a serious obstruction to achieving a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in the Middle East."

In hinting at future unspecified action, the council would determine "that failure on the part of Israel to comply with this resolution and other previous relevant resolutions, will impel the Security Council to invoke the appropriate powers vested in it by the United Nations Charter."

The council would keep the situation in the territories under constant, close scrutiny and reconvene in June to review the situation in light of the proposed commission's findings, taking "the appropriate action forthwith."

During the continuing debate Tuesday Kuwaiti Ambassador Abdulla Bishara said the policy of Jewish settlements followed by Israel was designed to invite Jewish adventurers, mostly financed by American money, to replace the indigenous Palestinians.

Israel meanwhile, defended itself against Arab charges of occupation abuses Tuesday and claimed that the U.N. debate was intended to disrupt President Jimmy Carter's current peace efforts.

Ambassador Yehuda Blum, speaking at length in the third session of the Security Council's debate on Israeli policy in occupied lands, said Arab charges "have injected into our discussions a shrill note of prejudice, fanaticism and intolerance."

"All of us are aware of the danger inherent in such an approach..." he said.

Blum called the debate, "a barren ritual that has been repeated so often in the past." It is held, he claimed, "to consider an artificial issue, a matter that does not constitute any threat to world peace and security."

Bomb explodes in Jerusalem

JERUSALEM, March 14 (AP)—A bomb exploded in a minibus Wednesday leaving the driver of the vehicle in shock, but there were no other injuries and little damage to the vehicle. The bomb had apparently been smashed in the minibus while it was parked overnight.

U.S. deceiving Cyprus, official says

NICOSIA, March 14 (R)—Cypriot Foreign Minister Nicos Rolandis Tuesday questioned U.S. assurances that the Turks were acting in good faith over the Cyprus question, charging that the strategic position of Turkey made it necessary to "fabricate her bona fide." For the time being, Turkey did not want to talk about settling the dispute.

JDL bomb trial opens in New York

NEW YORK, March 14 (AP) A trial has got under way of two alleged Jewish militants accused of attempting to bomb the Egyptian Tourist Office in Manhattan and two firebombings at homes of United Nations personnel. The defendants, facing various federal charges at a jury trial in U.S. District Court, Manhattan, are Victor Vancier, 21, and Bruce Berger, 30, described as members of the New Jewish Defense League, formed by an extremist faction of the Jewish Defense League.

Two Lebanese jailed in Athens

ATHENS, March 14 (R) An Athens court Tuesday sentenced two Lebanese brothers to 18 months imprisonment each on charges of illegal possession of explosives and arms. The two, N. and A. Khanoura, both in their twenties, were arrested here last August when police found in their apartment 200 kilos of dynamite packed in even suitcases, five automatic pistols, ammunition and three cases with hand grenades.



DEMONSTRATION: About 1,500 Iranians, mostly high school students, demonstrated outside the British embassy in Tehran for nearly three hours Wednesday to protest Britain's restrictions on Iranian students seeking entry visas. (AP photo).

Over 100 Polisario men killed, says Rabat

RABAT, March 14 (R)—More than 100 Polisario guerrillas and 19 Moroccan troops were killed in a day-long battle in the Western Sahara Monday, a Moroccan Information Ministry communiqué has said.

The communiqué said Tuesday four units of the Algerian-backed Polisario Movement infiltrated the area of Tiguir Rami Alhan, south of Smara, and were intercepted by the Royal Moroccan Armed Forces.

More than 100 guerrillas were killed, with 60 of their dead abandoned at the scene of the fighting. Seventeen guerrilla vehicles were destroyed as the Polisario men were driven from the area.

Moroccan army casualties were 19 dead and 49 wounded, and seven jeeps were set on fire, the communiqué said.

It was the first time since hostilities started some three years ago that the Moroccan government had officially announced details of a clash with the Polisario guerrillas in the Western Sahara immediately after it had occurred.

In first message to nation Chadli vows to fight corruption

ALGIERS, March 14 (AP)—Algeria's new president, Col. Bendjedid Chadli, declared in his first message to the nation Tuesday that he would tolerate no corruption, negligence or waste of Algeria's national patrimony.

Chadli, former chief of staff of Algeria's armed forces, was elected Feb. 7 by more than 99 per cent of the voters to succeed the late Houari Boumedienne as president of Algeria. He was the only candidate.

He has remained conspicuously silent since his election, and officials said he has been busy forming the government of Prime Minister Muhammad Ben Ahmad Abdelghani, whose names were announced last week.

In his message, published by the official Algerian news agency, Chadli made no reference to foreign affairs or to Algeria's sharpening conflict with neighboring Morocco over the former Spanish Sahara.

He solemnly pledged to put into effect Algeria's National Charter, a lengthy document of principles and aspirations adopted under Boumedienne's regime.

The months of Boumedienne's illness and replacement were marked by a "certain relaxation of discipline and a lack of efficiency in certain fields," which would no longer be tolerated, Chadli said.

"No excuse will ever again be accepted from anyone guilty of negligence, or inefficiency in the accomplishment of his duty."

"...It is our duty to punish anyone failing in his mission, while constantly bearing in mind that all citizens are equal under the law."

Chadli said the government would no longer show any tolerance "toward those who betrayed the nation's confidence or harmed the national patrimony, the national achievements, national sovereignty or revolutionary principles."

Chadli's message also promised to give priority to efforts to put an end to critical shortages of consumer goods which led to growing criticism of Boumedienne in the last two years of his regime.

Only by hard work and prevention of profiteering can Algeria achieve a global and harmonious development, he said, "in which priority will be given to satisfying the essential needs of the popular masses."

U.S. aide sees Mideast major source of heroin

MANILA, March 14 (R)—The head of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration says that Afghanistan and Pakistan are causing international concern as sources of opium and heroin.

The two countries were becoming more significant in terms of total opium production than the notorious "Golden Triangle" area of Burma, Thailand and Laos. Administration Chief Peter Bensinger told a press conference.

He was speaking after attending the opening of a 12-nation Drug Enforcement Conference in Manila.

Bensinger said the "Golden Triangle" still remained the principal source of illegal heroin, but there was a possibility of opium produced in Pakistan and Afghanistan being increasingly converted into heroin for export.

Raiders kill two soldiers in Djibouti

DJIBOUTI, March 14 (R)—Two soldiers were killed and one wounded when armed men attacked a military barracks at Randa, 80 kilometers north of Djibouti, radio Djibouti has reported.

It quoted an official communiqué as saying that the attackers, which it did not identify, escaped.

President Hassan Gouled had appealed to the people of the region to assist the armed forces and gendarmerie in uncovering what he said were enemies of national unity, the radio said.

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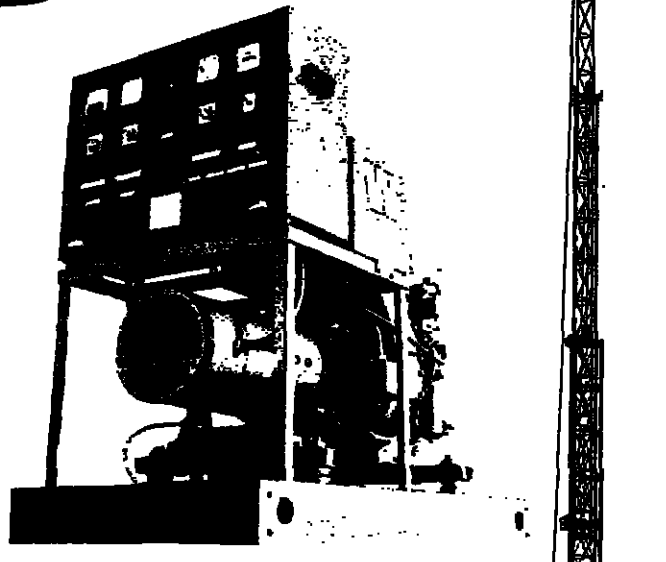
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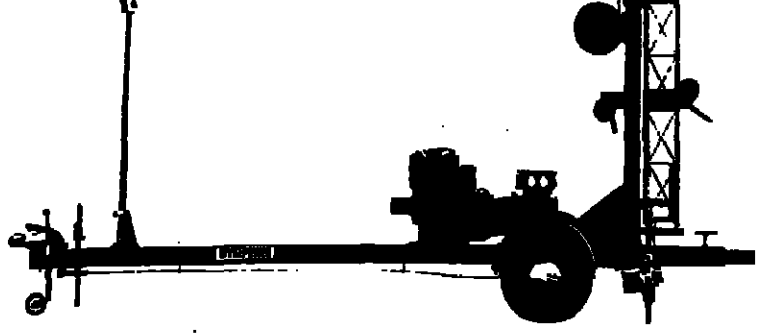
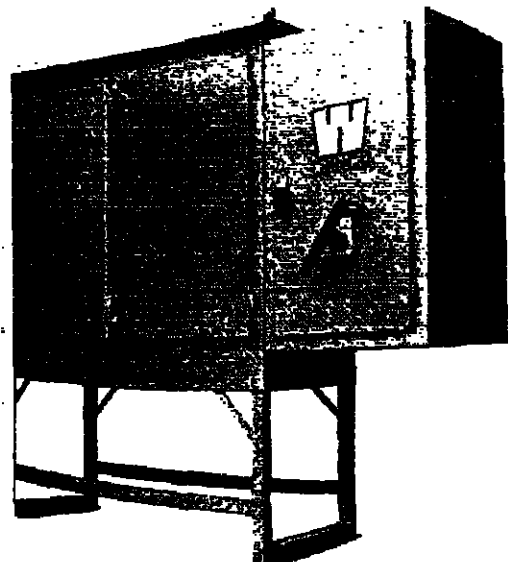
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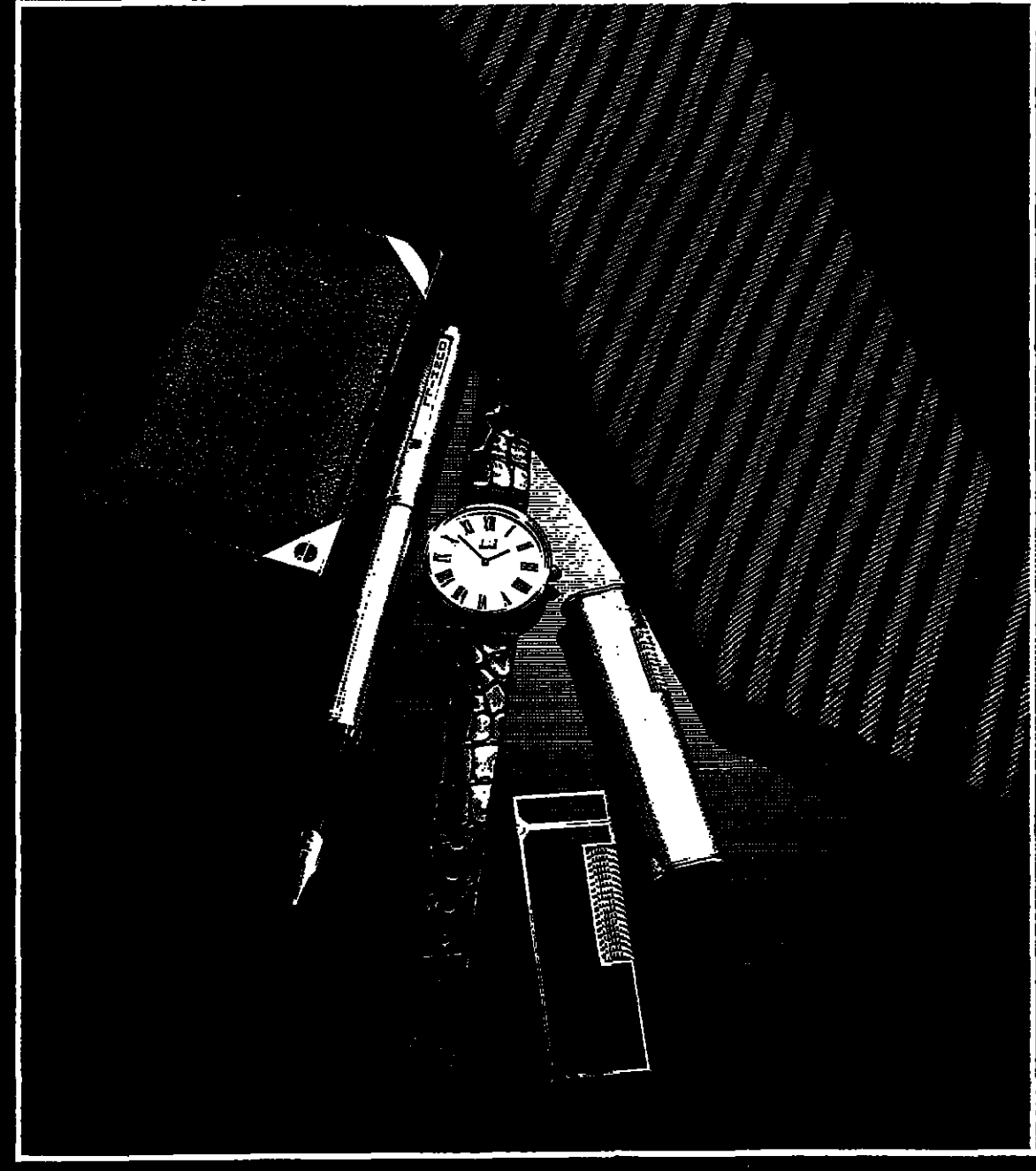
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Vietnam accuses Chinese of widespread atrocities

HONG KONG, March 14. (Agencies) — Vietnam Wednesday accused Chinese troops of killing Vietnamese civilians by smashing skulls, stabbing, decapitation and dismemberment.

A Foreign Ministry statement said the Chinese "broke people's skulls with gun butts, stabbed people with spears, beheaded, chopped people into portions, threw hand grenades into people's shelters, rounded up people, then opened fire on them."

None of these charges has been substantiated by independent observers. China has said Viet-

namese civilians were well treated by its troops and Peking television transmitted satellite film, purporting to show Chinese soldiers mending tiled roofs and feeding poultry in a Vietnamese village.

The Vietnamese statement, carried by Radio Hanoi and the Vietnam News Agency, also said the Chinese had "deliberately delayed the withdrawal" announced by Peking 10 days ago.

Vietnam, which claims to have wiped out more than 45,000 Chinese troops, has given no military casualty figures of its own. Meanwhile, scattered artillery

duels continued Wednesday in the Vietnam-China border war, intelligence officials in Bangkok reported.

Official observers following the war since China invaded Feb. 17 said Vietnamese forces were trailing Peking's troops as they withdrew to the frontier and that the conflict had shifted closer to the border.

The Chinese reportedly plan to hold some border posts they said the Vietnamese used as bases for raids into China. But the analysts said the war of words appears to be more intense now than the shooting war.

The chief of Hanoi's general staff, Gen. Van Tien Dung, said the Vietnamese now consider China "our most direct and most dangerous enemy."

"The Vietnamese will resolutely fight against the enemy if they stubbornly escalate the war," he declared.

China's Xinhua (Hsinhua) news agency has its own version of events. It said Chinese soldiers were building new homes for the Vietnamese because retreating Vietnamese troops had looted and burned the buildings.

It also said the general mobilization ordered by Hanoi since the Chinese invasion "strengthens Fascist military rule" and shows Vietnam is "continuously agitating for war and squeezing the people."

In neighboring Laos, which last week expelled Chinese technicians and workers who had been building roads in the northern part of the country, the pro-Vietnamese government's newspaper "siang Prasson" charged that "instead of building roads, Chinese workers dug combat trenches and made other preparations for war."



CHINESE: This picture from China's official Xinhua (Hsinhua) news agency bears the caption: "Commanders and fighters of a Chinese frontier unit combing the town of Loc Binh for enemy remnants after they captured the district in Cao Long Province, Vietnam, on Feb. 29." (AP photo).

Against Vietnamese troops

Pol Pot forces claim victories

BANGKOK, March 14. (AP) — The deposed regime of Premier Pol Pot claims that since its forces launched guerrilla warfare in early January they have killed more than 11,000 Vietnamese soldiers, knocked out more than 108 tanks and captured large quantities of war equipment.

The Voice of Democratic Cambodia said in its latest battle report on Tuesday that more than 300 Vietnamese had been killed or wounded and four military trucks destroyed in fighting March 7-11 in six areas of Cambodia.

Western analysts say the Pol Pot forces took heavy losses in fighting against a Vietnamese invasion force in eastern Cambodia but then a number of units were able to melt away into remote sanctuaries to plan for a protracted guerrilla war. Phnom Penh was

captured almost without a fight Jan. 7.

In its war summary, the radio said that 209 military vehicles were also destroyed or captured, two ships sunk and four long range artillery pieces either destroyed or captured.

The radio said that the Pol Pot forces were killing the Vietnamese at an average daily rate of more than 250, with the heaviest casualties being inflicted to the south and southwest of Phnom Penh.

Although it is generally agreed that the claims of success are exaggerated, there can be little doubt that the Pol Pot guerrillas are having some luck in holding their own against the regular Vietnamese troops and Cambodian rebels, now in command of the capital and major towns, who made up the invasion force.

There has been no official word from the new regime in Phnom Penh on how far it has managed to eradicate the guerrillas.

A battle report from the Pol Pot radio, believed broadcasting from southern China, claimed three weeks ago that Khmer Rouge fighters had surrounded the key Mekong River city of Kratie, the major success in a week that apparently saw 400 troops of the new regime killed. There has been no word on that offensive since.

At the same time the radio claimed to have inflicted heavy losses on the regime by occupying the city of Kompong Speu for three hours, killing 132 Vietnamese troops. Kompong Speu lies on Highway Four, the main road from Phnom Penh to the country's major port at Kompong Som.

Congress approves unofficial ties with Taiwan government

WASHINGTON, March 14. (R) — Both Houses of the U.S. Congress have approved almost identical bills setting up a new unofficial relationship with Taiwan after rejecting amendments that the bills' supporters said could harm U.S. ties with China.

Differences in language between the two measures was to be reconciled by a Senate-House conference committee before a final bill could be sent to President Jimmy Carter for signature.

The Senate Tuesday voted 90-6 in favor and the House of Representatives passed its bill Tuesday night by a vote of 345 to 55.

The overwhelming Senate passage came after Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Frank Church, an Idaho Democrat, recalled that it had once been predicted that the Senate would be deeply divided on the issue.

The opposition votes were cast by conservative critics of President Carter's China policy, who had earlier failed in both Houses in a series of attempts to upgrade U.S. ties to Taiwan to official level

and broaden U.S. security guarantees.

The United States no longer diplomatic relations with Taiwan following its recognition of Peking government and trade relations with the two governments would be handled by unofficial instead of embassies.

The two bills state that it is policy to maintain close relations and proclaim U.S. interest peaceful resolution of the Taiwan issue.

They state that the U.S. States would consider any peaceful means to resolve Taiwan issue a threat to the security of the Western Pacific area and of grave concern to U.S.

The legislation also pledges Washington will maintain capacity to resist force or coercion that would jeopardize Taiwan's security and will continue to deliver defensive weapons to Taiwan.

Also added was a provision denying China possession of former Taiwanese Embassy

Koreas propose means of resuming unity talks

PANMUNJOM, March 14 (AP) — North and South Korea made new proposals Wednesday for breaking the deadlock in their dialogue aimed at rapprochement and eventually at unification.

They parted without discussing the new proposals and without agreeing on a date for the next session.

However, the new proposals appeared to reflect some flexibility for a possible compromise to keep the current "liaison" from breaking off.

Chief Communist delegate Kwon Min-jun, in response to Secretary of State's demand, said the North will drop the controversial name Democratic Front for the Unification of the Fatherland for its four-man delegation.

But his proposal was on condition that the Seoul delegation return, drop the name of the North-South Coordinating Committee for its delegation.

The North has alleged that the coordinating committee, formed in 1972 to facilitate inter-Korean dialogue, was "defunct," although Seoul contends it still exists.

On the other hand, Seoul has said the Democratic Front was a qualified or responsible counterpart in any serious talks on Korean unification. Seoul accuses the front of being a Communist agent bent on revolutionary takeover of the South.

Kwon said that under his proposal, the liaison delegations of both sides would be called the "Liaison Delegations of Parties, Organizations and Authorities" of the North and the South.

His delegation, to suit the new name, would include the representatives of the ruling Workers Party, the Democratic Party (North) Korea, the Democratic Front and the North Korean government.

Min Kwan-shik, speaking for Seoul, proposed instead that present liaison delegation contact be replaced by contacts between "working-level delegates" three from each side, whom both sides "mutually regard as trustworthy."

Min further proposed to hold the first working-level contact in the village March 28 to discuss various questions including the controversial 1972 Coordinating Committee.

Kwon, without reference to Min's proposal, requested that present liaison delegations meet April 5 to discuss his proposal, which he said did not respond.

After the 80-minute meeting, Lee Dong-bok, spokesman for Seoul delegation, said that he considered the Communist proposal move toward "progress" and he hoped Pyongyang delegates would move toward "progress" and he hoped Pyongyang delegates would move toward "progress" and he hoped Pyongyang delegates would move toward "progress."

Lee declined to answer when asked what his South would do if the Communist delegates did not come then.

The present North-South contact followed President Chung-hee's proposal in January for unconditional, renewed talks.

Cyclone ravages Australia

PERTH, AUSTRALIA, March 14. (AP) — Cyclone Hazel demolished houses and caused thousands of dollars of damage as it cut a swathe of destruction down the West Australian coast Wednesday.

The cyclone battered towns from Carnarvon, 900 kilometers north of Perth, down to Northampton, about 350 kilometers away, with a fury that lasted for about two hours before it veered inland and weakened, sparing Geraldton where Britain's Prince Charles was to visit later in the afternoon.

In between the two worst-hit towns, other settlements were cut off as tower and communications lines were brought down by uprooted trees.

The state emergency service said that no casualties had been reported but a fishing boat with two men on board was reported missing.

The 15-meter vessel, Wave Dancer, left Denham Tuesday. Another boat, a prawn trawler, was washed ashore by tidal waves and ran aground in the middle of a caravan park.

Meanwhile, a Royal Australian Air Force Orion aircraft began an air search for a missing Taiwanese trawler with 15 men on board.

The 285-ton Hou Chuen 12 was reported missing in the wake of Cyclone Hazel on Monday night. Its last-known position was 150 nautical miles north west of Dampier, about 1700 kilometers north of Perth.

The air search will cover an area of more than 13,000 square kilometers. All shipping in the area had been alerted and other Taiwanese fishing boats were assisting in the search.



PARADE: Masked dancers at the parade in Mohacs, a small town in southern Hungary, held traditionally on the last day of the carnival season each winter. The dancers are called "busos," the parade "Busojaras." (AP photo).

Before U.N. commission

U.S. assails Soviets on human rights

GENEVA, March 14 (AP) — The United States has criticized the Soviet Union for sending dissidents to labor camps and refusing them fair trials.

Speaking to the United Nations Human Rights Commission Tuesday, Chief United States Delegate Ed Mezeyvsky named 22 Soviet citizens, including Yuri Orlov and Anatoly Sucharsky, whom he said were "languishing in labor camps, prisons or forced exile."

"The commission has a particular duty to defend their activities and protect their treatment," Mezeyvsky said.

In an overall survey of human rights violations throughout the

world, Mezeyvsky spoke of "thousands" of disappearances in Argentina, "political assassinations" in Ethiopia and thousands of Burundian people who, he said, had "silently perished" within a few months.

Mezeyvsky also criticized both the former and present regime in Cambodia. "The United States supports the concept of a truly independent and neutral Cambodia. Neither Pol Pot nor the Vietnamese-installed Heng Samrin fulfills that criterion."

Soviet Delegate Valerian Zorin hit back by urging the United States not to "destroy" an old-established agreement between the two superpowers of non-

interference in each others' internal affairs.

He also accused the United States of "blowing a smoke-screen" over its own human rights problems. "Even a child can see why the United States is doing this. It is because of the murder of American Indians who were the first inhabitants of the country," he commented.

Later, a Cambodian observer told the commission that Vietnamese troops "crushed everything in their path," he said.

Diamond dealers' deaths stymie New York police

NEW YORK, March 14 (AP) — A newly-created task force is continuing its investigation into the death of one diamond dealer and the disappearance of another, but detectives said they had no new clues.

Meanwhile, the body of Satya Gupta, a diamond dealer found slain along a roadside in Pennsylvania, was released to his family Tuesday and was being returned here, according to Coroner Robert Allen.

The Pennsylvania State Police authorized the release after receiving fingerprint confirmation of Gupta's identity from the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

The specially formed police team is also investigating the disappearance last Wednesday of 71-year-old Martin Paretsky, who was last seen with \$300,000 in gems he was bringing to show a client at the New York Hilton Hotel.

It has not been determined if either gem dealer got to his

scheduled appointment and Paretsky's whereabouts remain unknown, police said.

James Sullivan, chief of detectives, who announced the creation of the special detective force, said there is no evidence to link the recent disappearances, although the circumstances do appear similar.

The slaying of Gupta prompted creation of the eight-man task force, which includes several detectives who worked on the case of Pinchos Jaroslawicz, another gem dealer who was found murdered in September 1977 after disappearing with 600,000 in jewels. Two men were arrested and convicted of the murder, but the gems were never recovered.

The task force has questioned numerous people about Gupta's death, but Sullivan would not classify any as suspects.

Gupta was last seen Friday afternoon on Canal Street in Lower Manhattan en route to a meeting with a possible buyer. He was carrying gems estimated to be worth \$300,000.

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Central figure in scandal

Pretoria takes ex-BOSS chief's passport

PRETORIA, March 14 (R) — Gen. Hendrik van den Bergh, former chief of the Bureau of State Security (BOSS) and a central figure in South Africa's government scandal, said Wednesday police have confiscated his passport.

There was no explanation for the move from police.

It was the latest development in a growing scandal over the huge misuse of secret government funds by the now-disbanded Information Department, in which retired Gen. van den Bergh has been deeply implicated by a judicial inquiry.

The general said he was awakened at his home soon after midnight by Gen. Carl Etsman, former head of Security Police, and a police sergeant.

They presented him with a letter from Interior Minister Alwyn Schlebusch demanding the immediate delivery of his passport and any other travel documents, he said.

Describing Gen. Zietsman as "one of my own men," Gen. van den Bergh said the matter was

handled "with the usual politeness."

He said "it shows you the times we are living in."

Gen. van den Bergh flew to Paris last week for a secret meeting with Dr. Eschel Rhoodie, fugitive former chief of the Information Department. According to the general, Rhoodie had threatened to expose damaging government secrets unless his name was cleared.

The government has already

ordered withdrawal of Rhoodie's passport but has not yet been able to enforce the order.

The judicial inquiry, headed by Judge Rudolf Erasmus, suggested that criminal prosecution be considered against Rhoodie and others involved in the scandal.

So far, however, the only persons to appear in court have been editors and reporters accused of contempt of the commission, which is still sitting, by publishing further disclosures.

But the Transvaal Province attorney-general refused to charge Gen. van den Bergh himself with contempt — he had called the Erasmus Commission a farce — saying the result could be damaging to the state.

The general Tuesday night denied reports that he was planning a further trip abroad to see Rhoodie.

Josias van Zyl, a businessman who accompanied the general to his last meeting with Rhoodie, said his passport had also been seized by police early Wednesday.

The government has now ordered the seizure of seven people's passports since the scandal erupted last year.

Gen. van den Bergh announced last week that he had persuaded Rhoodie not to sell to the press 41 tape recordings and a number of documents said to "blow the lid" of the information scandal.

Van Zyl said that as part of the deal, he had taken Rhoodie on his staff as salesman for a new metal-cutting process.

Despite this, "The Rand Daily Mail" and other newspapers published lengthy interviews with Rhoodie. He claimed that former Prime Minister John Vorster — now state president — and members of the present cabinet were aware of the Information Department's "slush money" projects and tried to hush them up.

Government ministers have strenuously denied this.

Nkomo, Smith trade charges in TV debate

LONDON, March 14 (AP) — Calling each other "fascist" and "terrorist," Rhodesian leader Ian Smith and black guerrilla chief Joshua Nkomo traded insults on British television Tuesday night.

The 55-minute program, presented by David Frost, was the

first live satellite hookup between the two men, now fighting for control of the breakaway British colony.

Smith, looking characteristically grim from television studios in the Rhodesian capital, Salisbury, and an angry Nkomo, hooked in from his war base in neighboring Zambia, were also linked to British and U.S. officials in London and Washington, including America's United Nations ambassador, Andrew Young.

No one shifted an inch from already stated positions during the program, which Frost said he set up "hoping to start a dialogue" between the Rhodesian opponents.

The burly Nkomo, fingering a bracelet, declared the proposed elections a "fake and a fraud," citing the lack of black voter registration.

Pressed repeatedly by Frost to state his terms for peace talks, Nkomo declared: "Our only proposal now is to fight Smith and defeat him. Defeat him we will."

This was greeted by loud cheers from the studio audience of whites and blacks, while Frost speculated that "unbiased" audience members were probably "rather horrified."

The audience included white Rhodesian liberals opposed to Smith and blacks obviously sympathetic to the guerrillas.

Temple leader meets press, commits suicide

MODESTO, Calif. March 14, (AP) — A former Peoples Temple leader killed himself with a single gunshot to the head Tuesday, moments after a news conference at which he complained about FBI and CIA harassment.

Mike Prokes, a former top aide to Temple leader Jim Jones and one of 80 American survivors of Jonestown, died at Doctors Hospital at 10:35 p.m. (0635 GMT), about three hours after he shot himself in a bathroom following the meeting with reporters at a Modesto motel.

Reporters said they found Prokes slumped against the bathroom door, holding a .32-caliber handgun and bleeding from the head. A suicide note was found nearby.

The note said that he was not despondent over the deaths of over 900 Temple members last November but chose to die for what he called the same "junk reasons" as those who drank poison in Jonestown.

"If my death doesn't prompt another book about the end of Jonestown, it wasn't worth living," the note said.

Prokes, 31, had just finished reading a five-page statement on the murder-suicide ritual when he shot himself.

The statement said that an unreleased tape from the final hours at Jonestown would show that the temple members were not coerced into killing themselves. It said the United States government was withholding the tape because it was embarrassing.

Furthermore, brothers or sisters who usually serve as donors of bone marrow, the manufacturer of antibodies, often are incompatible. Luckily, Olga's only brother, 12-year-old Javier, was a near-perfect match.

The International Bone Marrow Transplant Registry in Milwaukee, Wisconsin lists 88 persons around the world who have had transplants for the disease. It is estimated that about 30 are still alive.

Rothberg said Olga probably will be able to go home in early April.

Dr. Richard Rothberg, head of the baby's health care team at the hospital, believes Olga has a chance to live a normal life, unlike David, the so-called "bubble boy," who lives in an artificial germ-free world in Houston, Texas.



BEEN THROUGH THE WARS: An exhausted Josias van Zyl, suffering from fatigue on a hot San Francisco day, catches his breath at the city's war memorial.

Alleges atrocities

Amin slams Tanzania 'mercenaries'

NAIROBI, March 14 (R) — Ugandan President Idi Amin has accused President Julius Nyerere of neighbouring Tanzania of hiring mercenaries to commit atrocities in fighting between government troops and rebels in southern Uganda.

Radio Uganda monitored in

Nairobi, Tuesday, quoted President Amin as saying in opening a meeting of the Islamic Development (IDB) in Kampala:

"Nyerere has hired mercenaries and sent them to Uganda to commit atrocities against the innocent people of Uganda."

He also said his country was

being attacked by "imperialists, Zionists and their agents."

The Ugandan leader's comments came amid reports from exile sources of guerrilla attacks on Kampala hotels and encirclement of government troops by anti-Amin forces on the road south of the capital.

Atom plants shut in U.S. for checks

WASHINGTON, March 14 (Agencies) — The United States has decided to shut down five large nuclear power plants because of concern over their ability to withstand an earthquake.

A statement by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) said: "Plants will be shut down until it is determined if any modifications are needed to make the piping conform with our requirements on earthquakes."

The agency said the plants would be shut for about a month, and if repairs were needed to ensure against radiation leaks in the event of an earthquake, the closures would be longer.

The NRC said its hastily made decision followed evidence that the computer programs used to determine the safety of the plants contained some incorrect assumptions.

The new evidence involves the design of the pipes used to carry cold water in the plants including the possibility that those used to flood the reactor in case of an emergency may not be strong enough to withstand an earthquake.

The five plants have a total electric generating capacity of some 4,107 megawatts, equivalent to the energy in about 60,126 barrels of oil a day.

Two of the plants are in Virginia, and one each in Pennsylvania, Maine and New York.



COLLAPSED: Rubble from the front and side of a three-story building lies on the sidewalk of East 31st St., Manhattan. Four people were hurt and police had no explanation for the recent collapse. (AP photo)

John Wayne looks back on his long life in films

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. March 14 (AP) — John Wayne, recovering steadily from cancer surgery, said it is difficult to watch old films when he "was a good looking, 40-year-old man."

Wayne was interviewed the day before his stomach was removed in a nine-hour operation Jan. 12. The ABC-TV interview conducted by Barbara Walters, was aired for the first time Tuesday night.

Wayne admitted he sees himself as the rough hero portrayed in many of his Hollywood blockbusters.

"I like to drink," he said. "And I like women and I've probably been a lot softer than I should be with them and a lot tougher on some men."

Wayne said he sometimes has difficult moments when watching his old movies.

"It's kind of irritating to see I was a good-looking! 40-year-old man and suddenly I can look over here and see this 71-year-old... I'm not squawking, but you know... you kind of think, 'God, I was pretty wonderful then.'"

"Off screen, do you like you?" asked Miss Walters.

"I'm crazy about me," Wayne replied. "I just want to be around for a long time."

The twice-divorced star, who separated from his third wife, Pilar, in 1973, said he probably would not get married again.

"If I were a young man of 50 or so, yes. But I think it's pretty ridiculous at 71 to start thinking about marriage," he said.

Wayne said he has a "deep affection" for his secretary, Pat Stacey.

"She's young and wonderful and thoughtful and has made my life very exciting at times," he said.

Miss Stacey said Wayne walks and jogs one mile daily and attends business meetings in addition to less strenuous activities on his recuperation agenda.

"He plays cards at the John Wayne Tennis Club, plays backgammon and chess too," she said. "He watches a lot of television. He enjoys the game shows and watches a lot of old movies."

Mother holds baby at last

Surgery ends barriers around child

CHICAGO, March 14 (AP) — Josephine Cisneros was allowed to touch and kiss her daughter, Olga, without surgical gown, mask or gloves Tuesday for the first time since the baby was born nine months ago with a rare, often fatal genetic disease.

"I feel very happy and nervous and excited about the whole thing," said Mrs. Cisneros, 35, who is from Mexico. "She noticed the difference. She was looking at my face and at my mouth, and then she started to touch my face."

Olga underwent a bone marrow transplant last November to help her fight the affliction, severe combined immunodeficiency disease, that had left her body without the biological tools to ward off bacteria and other germs.

Until Tuesday, Mrs. Cisneros

had to wear surgical gowns, a mask and gloves during her daily visit to the infant's isolation room at Wyler Children's Hospital.

"Each time I came to see her I couldn't take her out and show her some of the nice things out in the world," Mrs. Cisneros said. "She looked like a butterfly with broken wings, and I couldn't do anything to help her, and I felt very sad."

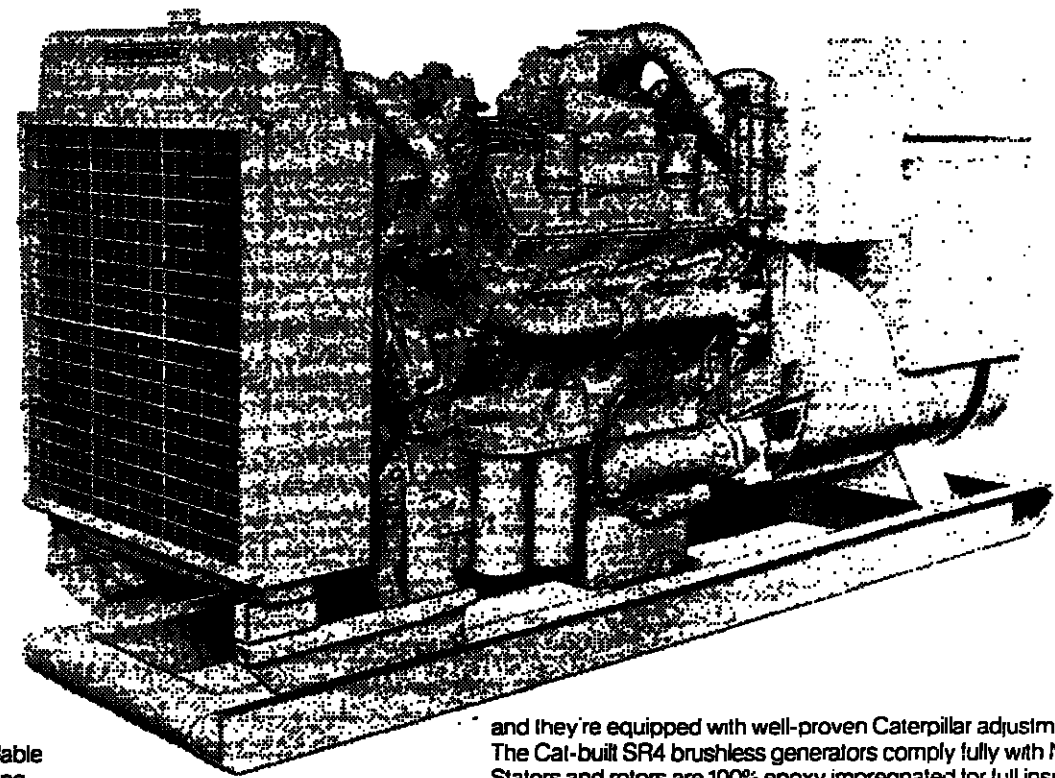
Mrs. Cisneros and her husband, Jesse, are both factory workers who had already lost a baby to the disease.

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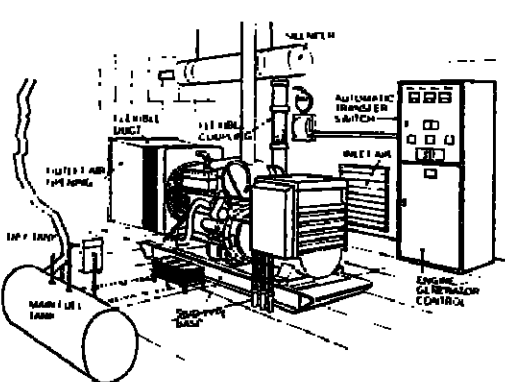


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Once again, Europe has asked OPEC to hold the lid on oil prices, chastised the United States for its profligate energy consumption and vowed to reduce oil imports of its own. The European Economic Community's Paris summit was, in short, free with advice but rather more stingy with action.

The EEC communique agreed on by the nine heads of state targeted a 1985 oil imports ceiling of 500 million tons a year, a reduction in current levels of something like 5 per cent. When that is contrasted with the abysmal performance of the United States, which imports nearly half of its oil already and appears destined for at least another five years of import rises, Europe comes away looking a responsible world citizen. Almost.

The communique endorsed Saudi Arabia's call for effective consultations between oil producers and consumers. It put forward a pledge of \$11 million in aid to developing countries in Africa and the Arab world as a sign of its commitment to Third World development. And it admonished OPEC that a further price increase beyond the levels agreed to in Abu Dhabi last December could reignite an economic recession.

These bits of advice and aid are apparently all the meeting had to offer regarding French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing's pre-summit call for a European-Arab-African dialogue.

As often happens with communiques of this sort, the words left out are at least as important as the rhetoric plugged in. European oil imports have stabilized since 1973 as North Sea oil has come into production, and that production is still rising; it is not expected to peak before 1985.

It is true that OPEC oil is selling at a variety of prices, many of which are higher than the agreed Abu Dhabi formula for a 10 per cent average increase in 1979. Most of the prices are still well below the current (not spot market, but "real") price of North Sea oil, which is going for \$16 a barrel. If recession is a factor of energy prices — and, despite what the West wants to believe, it was not in the 1974-76 instance — then Europe should be questioning its own oil prices before looking askance on somebody else's.

The more significant action at the EEC summit was the decision to begin operations of the European Monetary System (EMS), a plan to control Europe's exchange rates whose major motivation was the whirlpool effects of the U.S. dollar's plummet.

Europe is protecting itself against further slumps in the dollar with the (EMS). So too, was OPEC at Abu Dhabi. Europe is asking, and getting, prices for North Sea oil well in excess of the OPEC members. And it is offering the relative trifle of \$11 million to Africa and the Arab world as its opening contribution to an enhanced dialogue with these countries.

The message seems to be: "Watch what we say, not what we do."

Callaghan's chances

By Adam Raphael

Rarely in British politics has any government been so close to the brink of electoral disaster as James Callaghan's, and yet continued to survive.

The latest blow suffered by the Labour government is the defeat of its devolution proposals to give greater autonomy to the Scots and Welsh. In Wales, the people voted by more than four to one against the government's legislation. In Scotland there was a slim 33-31 per cent majority in favor of a separate assembly, but this fell far short of the strong endorsement that ministers were seeking.

The referendum results have dealt a severe blow to Callaghan's hopes of deferring an election until the autumn. The minority Labour government cannot survive without the Nationalists. But the continuing support of the 14 Scottish and Welsh Nationalist members is now highly uncertain, because it was always conditional on the government proceeding with devolution.

That way is now blocked because there are at least 40 Labour MPs from English constituencies who have threatened to vote against the government if it ignores the negative results of the referendum.

Callaghan will not be able to ignore these strong feelings on his own back benches. Yet, if his government simply caves in and walks away from devolution, it will forfeit whatever residual Nationalist support it has. There is no easy way out of its dilemma, which suggests that it will take a long time to resolve.

Delay is, in any case, in the government's interest. The longer Ministers can keep the Nationalists in doubt, the longer they can avoid the challenge of a Conservative vote of confidence. An all-party constitutional conference is one of the delaying mechanisms under consideration, but it is doubtful whether either the Conservative opposition or the minor-

ity parties will accept it.

The Conservative leader, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, scenting the kill, has already begun to harry the government, but she will not strike until she is certain she can bring it down.

If the leader of the House of Commons, Michael Foot, who is under-rated as a parliamentary schemer, can succeed in finessing the Nationalists for another month until the Easter parliamentary recess, the prime minister could probably struggle through to a June election. And possibly even beyond.

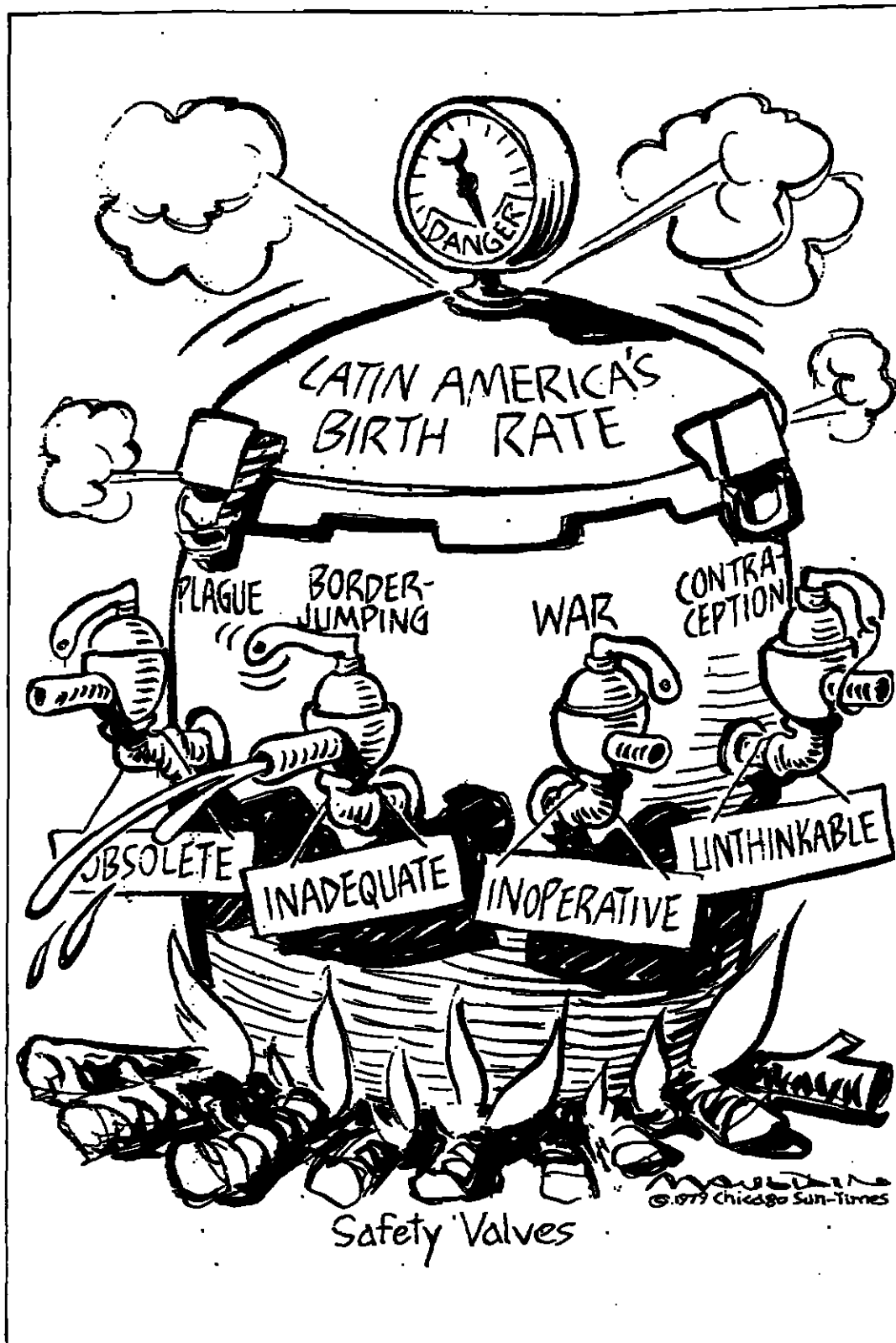
One element of hope exists. Enoch Powell, a former Conservative MP who is now *de facto* leader of the eight Ulster Unionist MPs, has dropped enigmatic hints that his party may be prepared to support the government through the summer.

Powell's motives, apart from frustrated ambition and bitter dislike of Mrs Thatcher, are never easy to fathom. But the proposal of holding a Labour government's fate in his hands is undoubtedly one that appeals. The only question is how many of his colleagues he will be able to carry along this quixotic course.

Callaghan thus has a slim chance of steering his government through the present troubled shoals. The stakes are large, for the odds on a crushing defeat if the election were held in the near future are high. Polls show that the Conservatives are 20 per cent or more ahead of Labour.

Public memories of Britain's winter of strikes have not yet had time to fade. The government badly needs time to recognize, and re-group its demoralized supporters. But its fate depends largely on its ability to exploit the lack of enthusiasm the minority parties have for an early election.

The chances must be against Callaghan surviving for long, but he has always managed to defy the odds until now. As one minister said grimly last week, "We're down, but not out." (OFNS)



Last imperial echoes

By Ian Mather

RAWALPINDI —

The sun still has to set on the British Empire's legal system. But the legal marathon in Pakistan's Supreme Court over the future of Zulfikar Ali Bhutto looks like being the last major trial to be conducted entirely according to the system of jurisprudence derived from the British.

Gen. Zia ul Haq has already begun to sweep away the Anglo-Saxon system and replace it with justice based on the Koran and Muslim tradition.

But for the time being Pakistan's top barristers hold the center of the stage, speaking almost always in English, and using phrases such as "my lord", "in my humble submission" and "learned counsel" more frequently than you would hear at the Old Bailey (London's Central Criminal Court).

The general public, too, who sit on rows of benches facing the seven judges, behave with deference. They stand stiffly to attention and bow to the waist every time they enter or leave the court in the middle of a session.

The judges and barristers wear long black robes, but no wigs, though the photographs of now departed Pakistani legal dignitaries which line the walls show them all wearing wigs.

An exotic touch is added by the court officials called peons, one for each judge, who wear green tunics and hats called "fanned puggies". These are butterfly-shaped creations made from starched white cloth which look magnificent most of the time but which droop disastrously if the wearer gets caught in one of the

heavy downpours that are depressingly frequent here at the moment.

The leader of the defense team in the Bhutto case, which consists of seven or eight barristers, has been Yahya Bakhtiar, a gloomy man in his mid-fifties with distinguished dark brown hair greying at the temples, who chain-smokes when not in court. Bakhtiar has been living in a hotel near the court since the appeal against the former prime minister's conviction for murder began last May.

Though Bakhtiar strongly denies it, his lengthy arguments in favor of having the case reviewed have smacked of filibustering. His frequent repetition of points caused great irritation to the prosecution, who claimed that Chief Justice Anwar ul Haq was giving Bakhtiar far too much time.

Bakhtiar's method of delivery consists of monotone mumbling which is difficult to follow, interspersed with a halting reading of long passages from legal books.

There has been little humor, except for one occasion when Bakhtiar, apologizing for taking so much of the court's time, said: "I feel like the poet who wrote a love poem to his girl friend and added 'I'm sorry this is such a long poem. I didn't have time to write a short one'."

For legal purposes the subcontinent is considered to have a single history, and the lawyers quote cases from British days, which are listed as "the emperor" or "the emperor" versus somebody. They also quote cases from post-independence India, though usually prefaced with an apology since relations between the two countries are tense.

The prosecution even quoted a

case from the High Court of Burma in which a prime minister had ordered the whole of his cabinet to be machine-gunned to death.

To foreign ears some of the phrases are unfamiliar. Life imprisonment is called "transportation", a relic of the days when convicts in Britain were transported to Australia.

There are also a number of significant differences between Pakistani law and present-day British law.

Under Pakistani law a less serious attitude is taken towards a person who is not at the scene of the crime, and the defense has been trying to persuade the court to reduce Bhutto's sentence on these grounds.

Another Pakistani legal concept, which is certainly unacceptable in many other countries, is that it is a lesser crime to kill the wrong person, since the murderer has no motive to kill that person.

A third unusual concept is that the evidence of "approvers", people who turn state's evidence is freely accepted. In Britain such a person's evidence is treated with suspicion.

Yet the case against Bhutto rests entirely on the word of two former members of his State Security (Intelligence) Force who agreed to give evidence against him in return for their lives being spared.

It is clear that every accommodation has been given to Bakhtiar because the eyes of the world are on the case. There are also frequent references to the presence in the court of foreign journalists, and to the nightly broadcasts in Urdu of the BBC, which is listened to by an estimated 80 per cent of the population. (OFNS)

saudi press review

"As time passes it becomes increasingly clear that the question of peace in the Middle East must be approached through the Palestinian question," according to "Al-Riyadh."

The paper said that "any other approach would fail. By this we mean Palestinians inside and outside the occupied land who are represented by the Palestine Liberation Organization."

"The PLO has been recognized by most countries which realize that it is the key to any just and acceptable solution of the problem. But Israel continues to disregard the Palestinians and, consequently finds itself running in a vicious circle of failure to find a solution."

"Is it possible," the paper asked, "that the majority are wrong and this lone country is right in ignoring the Palestinians?"

"Those searching for peace in the region should review their attempts and approach to the

problem. Otherwise they will continue to fail and anything they achieve will collapse. But when they persuade themselves that the Palestinians are the key to a just solution, they will have found the right approach. Without this they will resemble a man looking for stars at midday."

"The withdrawal of Iran and Pakistan from Cento is not going to affect the alliance in any way," "Al-Riyadh" said.

"Since the alliance is now confined to Britain, Turkey with the United States as an observer, it cannot continue in its present form much longer. It will not help solve the dispute between Turkey and Greece, or influence course of events in Iran or develop the opposition to the regime in Kabul. It is really all the same whether it exists or not," the paper said.

"Carter's mission has failed," "Al-Jazirah" said. "The offi-

cial media claims that it didn't. But for ourselves believing that the peace process has succeeded? The reasons include Israeli fears of rising opposition in the occupied land. The U.S. is worried about recent changes in the region in addition to increasing international support for the Arab cause. So the U.S. wants peace, even a partial one with Egypt, to ensure the security of Israel since this is in part a guarantee of its strategic interests in the area. Israel wants this kind of agreement to neutralize the Egyptian armed forces so that it may concentrate on the eastern and northern Arab fronts. The paper urged Egypt to review its position and study the situation in the light of the contradictions between what it wants and what the Israelis want."

"Okaz" blamed Israel for the failure of the peace process in the Middle East "because it simply does not want a peaceful settle-

New threat in the Sahara

By Pierre Requette

ALGIERS —

The bitter dispute between Algeria and Morocco over the Western Sahara region has flared up again with threats and accusations from all sides.

Morocco, reacting to the unrelenting guerrilla actions of the Algerian-backed Polisario Front, has decided to set up a "defense council" and repeated its threat to exercise its "right of hot pursuit" against attackers.

Though Algeria is preoccupied with its internal power changeover after the death of President Houari Boumedienne last December, it was quick to respond with its usual warnings.

The Polisario, in turn, said it was determined to go on with the war against Morocco until the Western Sahara was entirely "liberated."

In spite of adamant proclamations in parliament, however, it seems that the Moroccan leaders are keeping cool, and there are no unusual moves in Rabat to suggest an extension of the protracted conflict is imminent.

Similarly, in Algiers, the task of rebuking the Moroccan outburst has been left to the government press. So far, no official has responded to what the daily "El Moudjahid" saw as Morocco's "call to arms."

Observers feel this was not simply because the new Algerian government was announced only last week.

Informed diplomats believe that neither Algeria nor Morocco really want a war.

Observers in Rabat and Algiers

feel Morocco's current belligerence is not a buildup to a showdown, but a new effort to prompt Algeria to open talks on the dispute, now in its fourth year.

The situation has been deteriorating recently for Morocco. At the last United Nations General Assembly, 88 countries voted for a resolution mentioning the Polisario and reiterating the Sahraui people's right to self-determination.

Last January, the Polisario won a considerable psychological victory when it forced the Moroccan authorities to acknowledge an attack on the south Moroccan town of Tan-Tan.

The attack caused little damage to the town, according to news-men who visited it recently and other reliable sources.

They said the Polisario guerrillas suffered heavy losses during their retreat through Moroccan territory. But it clearly forced Morocco's King Hassan to react. He first called on the new Algerian president, Benjedid Chadli, to open talks.

The only answer was in a message from the then Foreign Minister, Abdul Aziz Bouteflika, which reiterated Algeria's support for the Sahraui cause and the Polisario front.

The king went to Paris for talks with President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing. But he apparently came back disappointed, if not angry.

Reliable sources in Rabat said the king asked the French president to mediate between Morocco and Algeria but was turned down.

Morocco cannot draw any comfort either from the attitude of its "ally" Mauritania, which joined

the Western Sahara venture 1974, but has now practically pulled out of the war.

Mauritania had been hit hard by the Polisario, most of all by the crippling of its vital iron ore exports which have to travel through hundreds of kilometers of desert controlled by the guerrillas.

The military administration which ousted President Mokhtar Ould Daddah last July 10 immediately pledged to bring an end to the war. Recently it hinted it might pull out alone, other partners were "blocking the chances of peace. The hint Morocco was clear.

The Polisario, who proclaimed a ceasefire in Mauritania only two days after the coup in Nouakchott, is now criticizing the new leader for not responding "concretely to its peace move."

Algeria has recently come out in support of the Polisario position and President Benjedid's last message to Mauritania leader Col. Mustafa Ould Saleck fully endorsed the Polisario criticism.

Some observers here speculate that King Hassan's new show of determination is designed to impress on Algeria the support it enjoys in his country, and the need to seek a way out of this protracted dispute.

It is believed the king, like the Algerian leaders, would prefer political solution. But the two sides, do not appear to have come any nearer to each other.

Algeria, for the time being, does not seem likely to heed Moroccan call. Beyond its declared political principles, Algeria's thinking has long been that time is in favor of the Sahraui, and that Morocco will eventually give up. (R)

The 'New Influentials'

By Henry Bienen

PRINCETON —

The idea of the "New Influentials" has been used by U.S. administration foreign policy makers to describe Third World countries whose wealth, size, military and strategic importance give them a prominent role in regional politics and in international forums.

Some of these countries used to be called regional or middle powers. The term "New Influentials" indicates that a country is of special interest to the U.S. and that it is influential on international, not merely regional, issues.

The U.S. must, of course, take account of influential actors in its bilateral, regional and international policies. The "New Influentials" concept goes further than this however. It suggests an extremely close coordination of U.S. policies with key developing countries.

It is a tempting doctrine. At a time when the United States feels its economic, political and military resources are stretched thin across the world, Americans look for developing countries that can help provide economic assistance to poorer countries, that can police regions and cooperate with them on problems of trade and monetary stability. Also, Americans might hope to split Third World blocs over trade, investment and energy issues by selectively co-opting major actors and giving them entrance to the councils of the mighty. Finally, by sorting out countries by their worldwide importance and their importance for the U.S., Americans can hope to order their priorities and concentrate their attention on what and on who matters most. Some

countries are obviously more critical of the U.S. than others. There are many differences within the Third World and U.S. resources are stretched thin, as is American competence to deal with different countries and pressing problems. Nevertheless, the "New Influentials" doctrine can be misleading and can get the U.S. into foreign policy difficulties.

First, it is not clear who is a "New Influential." The criteria for inclusion pertain to the relatively durable factors of power — size, wealth, technological sophistication on natural resources, strategic location and military might. But these factors do not neatly cohere within an individual country.

Consider India, by far the largest of the developing countries (excluding China, which Americans treat as a great power). India has areas of extremely advanced technology, a large scientific community, a nuclear capability and a large industrial base, yet it has large-scale problems of poverty, food production, employment and urbanization in an extremely heterogeneous society. The case of India also suggests that the warmth of bilateral relations with the United States has been an important element for inclusion as a "new Influential."

Some U.S. policy makers now see India's military potential as a force for stability in the Gulf and Indian Ocean. This is a function of improved relations with India and of chaos in Iran, and it suggests that the fall of one "New Influential" opens up possibilities for another.

Not many months ago, Iran was considered one of the most impor-

tant "New Influentials." While did not export as much oil as Saudi Arabia, its larger size, great industrialization and military might gave it a special place.

This is not likely to be an isolated case of instability in an oil-rich country. Indonesia and Nigeria are very large oil-rich nations too. Both are "New Influentials" that have problem of national integration, history of large-scale internal violence and difficulties in sorting out civilian-military relations.

Mexico and Brazil, the two largest Latin American countries are more industrialized than Nigeria and Indonesia, and they are among the wealthiest developing countries. Mexico has the added benefit of huge oil and gas reserves. Both countries, however, face severe income distribution problems, and Mexico has hard time employing its expanding population.

Brazil faces a difficult political transition that will take place the context of domestic bitterness over repression and human rights violations. The power struggle Iran may well be nascent in other "New Influentials."

For years Americans essential have neglected relations with Mexico. Its oil and export of people to the U.S. assures that it neglect will not continue. Mexico also illustrates that conditions change and warns the U.S. that today's "have not" may be courted in the future.

Iran, on the other hand, is example of the U.S. having closely meshed its policies with regime that relations with it would be difficult with a success — (NYT)

ment in the region. But the United States can play a positive role if it compels Israel to heed the voice of reason and world public opinion. Meantime, the Palestinian people and the Arabs behind them shall continue their struggle until they achieve their rights."

Commenting on the opening of

the fourth session of the World Supreme Council of Mosques by Mecca Governor Prince Fawaz, "Okaz" hailed the council and its mission.

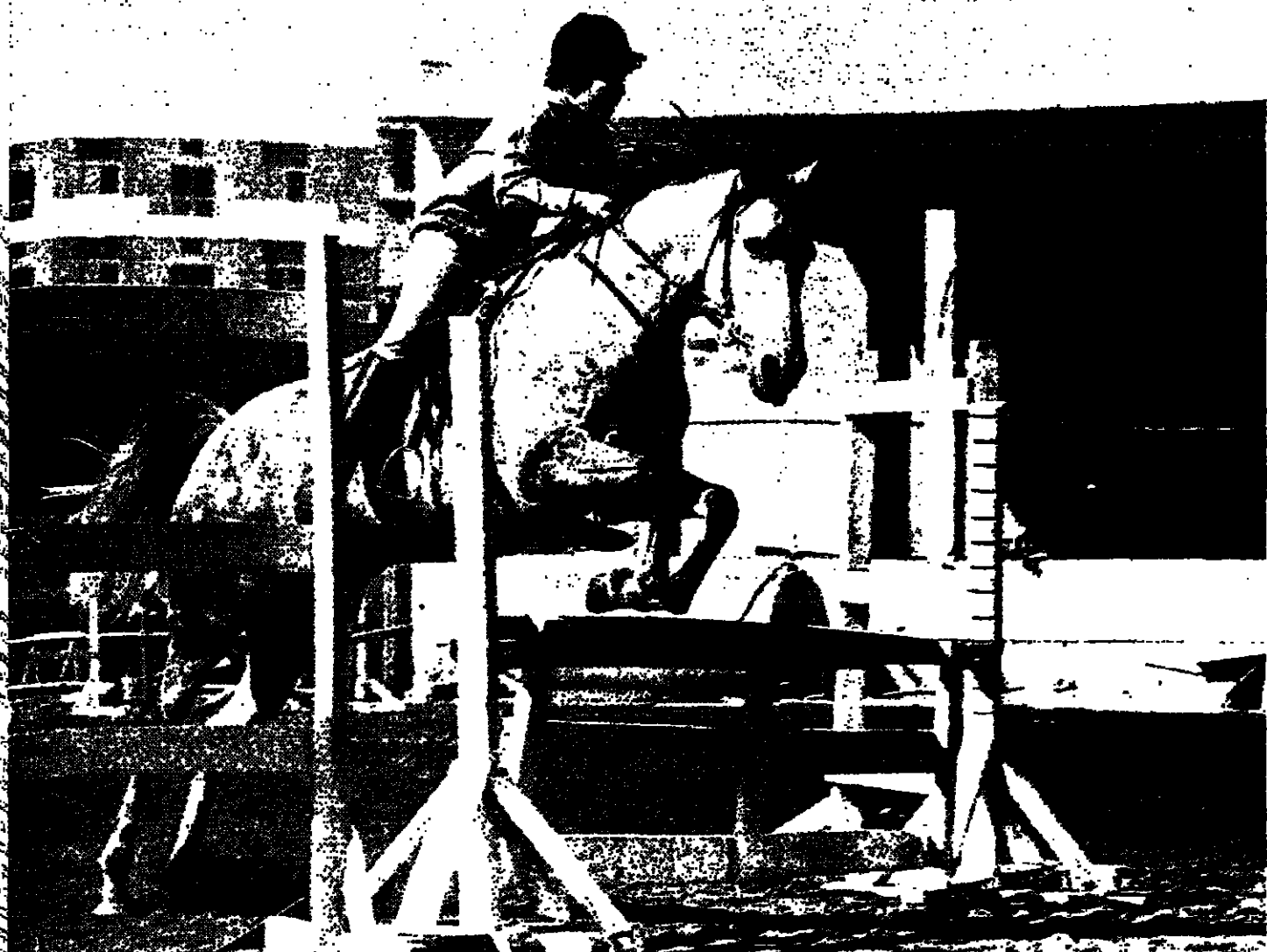
"The mosque has always been of prime importance not only in Islam but in Islamic history as well."

"It is not only a house of worship but a school and a fortress as well as a council for discussion and debate. These roles should be revived," the paper said.

It reminded the delegates that the holy mosque in Jerusalem is still under Zionist occupation and should be liberated.



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Prince Muhammad bin Saud Al Faisal, riding the horse Malika, rides on his way to a first-place ribbon at last month's Riyadh Stables Horse Show. (Photo by Mel Evans)

BOOKSHELF

THE MUSLIM CONTRIBUTION TO MATHEMATICS

"The Muslim Contribution to Mathematics," by Ali Abdullah Al-Daffa.
London: Croom Helm, 1977. SR 78.

By Robert Fraga

DHAHRAN — Ali-Daffa, the dean of sciences at the University of Petroleum and Minerals here, reflects on the purpose of this book in his conclusion: "to present a brief history of Muslim contributions to mathematics." In 100 pages, he succeeds in doing that with a fascinating subject.

First among those contributions was what must be counted one of the major efforts of cultural and scientific preservation in human history: the Muslim, principally Arab, translation of the classical Greek mathematicians, and the transfer of Indian mathematics to the West. It was an effort, as Ali-Daffa points out, involved with far more than mere transcription. Throughout the early Middle Ages, while Europe was "struggling with barbarism," Muslim mathematicians in great centers of learning like Baghdad and Cordoba were expanding the frontiers of mathematical knowledge.

What is now taken for granted by the majority of us was once the subject of intensive and learned investigation. When we add a column of figures, or multiply two

A history of expanding frontiers in mathematical knowledge

numbers, especially in this age of mini-computers and wallet-size calculators, which of us reflects on the advantages of decimal — or binary — notation? How many engineers working daily with trigonometric functions are conscious of the development of these bread-and-butter concoctions of mathematics?

During the centuries of Europe's Dark Ages, Arab researchers were concerned themselves with these matters.

"The Muslim Contribution" is divided into five essay-like chapters, an introduction and a conclusion. Each but the first of the essays treats a branch of mathematics which bears the imprint of Arab thought. The chapter on arithmetic makes clear how closely related Western grammar-school methods of doing sums are to the algorithms devised by Arab mathematicians a millennium ago. The techniques for multiplication and division given in the text are elegant examples of

Proposition 13 and the crunch

By Christopher Reed

SAN FRANCISCO — Proposition 13, last summer's rates tax revolt in California which cut demand by 57 per cent and gave \$7 billion to home and property owners, is beginning to bite. Governor Brown's distribution of \$5 billion of the state's surplus to cover the loss of revenue is proving the temporary measure it was warned to be.

Although critics have not been justified in their dire warnings of 400,000 lay-offs among state employees including police and firemen, the inevitable crunch seems to be approaching. Public education is at the severest risk, and the state legislature is becoming restive over the governor's freeze on civil servants' salaries.

In San Francisco, the city's 4,200 teachers have received warning notices that they may not be re-engaged in the autumn.

Only a quarter are expected to be dismissed, but education authorities are protecting themselves with the advanced notice.

It has also been suggested that the 200 school heads in the city may have to leave their offices and teach in classrooms, and 3,000 clerical staff could lose their jobs. Final notices will be issued in May.

Although San Francisco has a self-interest in opposing Proposition 13, as the only major area to disagree with the overwhelming vote in favor of it, the city is faced with a \$46 million loss of revenue during this fiscal year and next. So far, nothing has been heard from Los Angeles, a far bigger school district, but an area with more solid support for the tax revolt.

Overall, however, the wish of the electorate seems to have been ignored. Campaigners for the tax cut constantly emphasized that high-salaried bureaucrats would have to go, yet none seem to have been dismissed, and the blow is falling on the lesser paid.

In the state capital of Sacramento, the committee advising on public employees salaries have voted unanimously to reject Governor Brown's freeze on all wage increases for state workers. The committee decided on a 12 per cent rise, a \$500 million award to California's employees, which include university staff. —(G)

KIOSK

A potpourri of events and activities from around the Kingdom. JEDDAH

Thursday, March 15 — Sunday, March 18: "Tunisian Festival," a blend of foods, music and tourist information and featuring a nightly SR70 buffet dinner of Tunisian cooking. At the Hotel Al Salam Meridien, 7:30 p.m. — 11:30 p.m. Reservations, telephone 45011.

Friday, March 16: Competition for the "Red Sea Fleet Cup," a distance pursuit race open to all boats and using the Portsmouth Handicap system, sponsored by the Red Sea Sailing Association. At the RSSA clubhouse, on the Creek at Obhor. Racing starts at 11:45 a.m. Details, telephone Peter Taylor, 58742.

Saturday, March 17: Hejaz Choral Society meeting. At the PCS, Room 5, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 17 — Wednesday, March 21: Tickets on sale for the SET production of the Arthur Miller Drama "The Crucible." Available at the British Embassy, 4-6 p.m. Performance dates scheduled for March 26 — 29. Details, telephone Innes Rac, 27306 or 27122.

Monday, March 19: "Jeddah Old and New," a presentation by city planners, at the monthly meeting of the Jeddah Fine Arts Society. At the U.S. Geological Survey compound recreation center (near Spinner's Restaurant) at 7:30 p.m.

Monday, March 19 and Wednesday, March 21: Rehearsals for "HMS Pinafore," by the Jeddah Light Opera Society. At the British Embassy, 8-10 p.m.

Monday, March 19 — Tuesday, March 20: Japanese flower show, sponsored by the Japanese Ambassador's wife. An exhibit will open Monday at 5 p.m., followed by a demonstration of Japanese flower arranging techniques at 6 p.m. Tuesday, exhibit opens at 5 p.m. and will include a lecture on the art of Japanese flower arranging. At the lecture hall, Madaris Street, in the Baghdadiyah section across from the Nigerian Embassy. Details, telephone Mrs. Chino, at 52405, ext. 26.

Tuesday, March 20: Gardening Club meeting. At the home of Mrs. Shirley Chase (near the U.S. Embassy) at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 21: The London Music Group will give a chamber music recital with works by Brahms, Britten, Glinka and Debussy, sponsored by the Jeddah Concert Committee. At the British Ambassador's residence, 8:30 p.m. Tickets SR20.

RIYADH

Thursday, March 15 — Thursday, March 22: Registration for the Riyadh Desert Classic tennis tournament. Entry fee is SR 5 plus one unopened can of optic yellow tennis balls. Details, telephone the community activities center at the King Faisal Specialist Hospital (35555, ext. 549). Registration deadline is March 22.

Friday, March 16: Distance runners competition, sponsored by the Riyadh Road Runners. Course lengths will be three- and ten-kilometer runs, and a three-man team inter-company competition will be included in the ten-kilometer race. Certificates for all finishers. Details, telephone Chet Richards (60640) or Philip Bannas (63109 or 67041).

Sunday, March 18: "The Tombs of Medain Saleh," a talk by John Ewart, at the meeting of the Desert Ramblers. In the tennis court opposite the Hotel Osman, Sulaimaniya area, at 8 p.m. Details, telephone Betty Vincette (61929).

"French Gastronomic Week," a food festival at the Windrose Restaurant in the Al Khozama Hotel. Beginning nightly at 7:30 p.m. Reservations, telephone 4654650.

Monday, March 19: The London Music Group will give a chamber music recital with works by Brahms, Debussy and others. At the Leonard Ingrams residence, 8:30 p.m. Tickets SR 25. Details, telephone 478-80348.

DHAHRAN Thursday, March 15: Barbecue at the Alghosabi Hotel, Al-Khobar, 7:30 p.m. Cost SR40.

Friday, March 16: Carnival at Dhahran Academy, 10 a.m. — 2 p.m. admission free.

Saturday, March 17 — Sunday, March 18: The U.S. Health Care Industries Trade Mission will arrive in Dhahran for business consultations. For details telephone the American Consulate, 43200 or 43452.

Sunday March 18: The Dhahran Community Band presents a concert of American symphonic and march music at 7:30 p.m. in the Aramco Junior High Gymnasium. Admission free.

Monday, March 19: A British Consular representative will be at the Al Khaja Hotel, Al-Khobar, 2-6 p.m.

Tuesday, March 20 — Thursday, March 22: Fifth National Computer Conference at the University of Petroleum and Minerals. Exhibits on the theme "Computer Assisted Instruction" will be open to the public daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. UPM Building 6. Admission free.

berth to technicalities in order to grasp the general contour of the discussion. This approach is a boon to those who feel that "math is a big mystery," but the more rewarding level is one of analysis and reflection, and it is on this level that the book should really be read.

What is at stake in these methods of calculation? What do they represent by way of advance in conceptual thinking? That is the crux of the issue, one which cannot be stressed too strongly.

There is much to delight the amateur puzzle-seeker as well as the professional mathematician in the history of Arab mathematics. The geometric ingenuity explicit in Al-Khwarizmi's solution of

quadratic equations — and implicit in the traditional technique of extracting square roots — gives as much pleasure today as it did centuries ago.

Cultural and scientific interdependence is not a recent phenomenon. Examples of "borrowing" can be found down through the centuries. As in the case of other such transmissions the passage of ancient and oriental mathematics through Arab hands enriched the content of that material enormously. It is a debt one should gratefully acknowledge. Ali Al-Daffa's compact treatise serves as a reminder of this aspect of the Muslim bequest to Western thought.

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Umpires infuriate crowd

Salvoes of bottles force abandonment of Supertest

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, March 14 (AP) — Officials ordered play to be abandoned on the fifth and final day of the second World Series Cricket Supertest between Australia and the West Indies here Tuesday after the crowd began throwing bottles.

The West Indies, set a demanding 367 to win in their second innings, was struggling at 133 for four when the crowd erupted in protest against an umpire's decision.

On Saturday, there was a similar demonstration against the loss of play through rain and the umpire's reluctance to restart the game.

A crowd of 8,000 saw two of the batsmen show disgust at verdicts given by the umpires against them.

Gordon Greenidge was ruled caught down the legside by wicket-keeper Rodney Marsh off fast bowler Len Pascoe for 21. He stormed off to the pavilion while the crowd booed the decision.

A counter attack by Roy Fredericks and Viv Richards raised the crowd's spirits immediately after lunch as they hit four sixes



Fredericks

and 10 fours in add 87 in only 54 minutes.

It was when Fredericks was ruled leg before wicket by umpire Ralph Gossin off Pascoe for 53 that the

bottles came raining from the stands on the western side.

The players left the field. It was 50 minutes before the ground could be cleared for a restart to be attempted.

The crowd chanted "We want Fredericks" and when he did not reappear, another volley of bottles was hurled.

Police with truncheons and shields were eventually called in to quiet the crowd.

Scoreboard

Australia: 1st innings 311
West Indies: 1st innings 239
Australia: 2nd innings 294
West Indies: 2nd innings
G. Greenidge c. Marsh b. Pascoe 21
D. Haynes c. Marsh b. Lillee 9
R. Fredericks lbw. Pascoe 53
R. Austin c. Marsh b. Pascoe 4
V. Richards not out 38
Extras 8 no balls
Total 133 for four
Bowling: Lillee, 14-3-53-1;
Thomson, 9-3-36-0; Pascoe, 4-2-20-3; Bright, 2-0-16-0.

But chance is slim

Aussies whittle Pakistan lead

MELBOURNE, Mar. 14 (AP) — Australia, faced with the daunting task of scoring 382 to win, had whittled the target down to 265 for the loss of two wickets at stumps on the fourth day of the first Test against Pakistan at the Melbourne Cricket Ground here Wednesday.

But with just eight hours of play left the prospect of an Australian

victory looks distant and the burden of keeping the home side in the hunt appears to rest firmly on the shoulders of skipper Graham Yallop and Alan Border.

At the close of play Wednesday night Yallop has survived a brief but torrid period at the wicket for three runs while Border was unbeaten on 25 with the Australian total at 117 that two.

Australia built the best foundation of a formidable Test season thanks principally to young New South Wales skipper Andrew Hilditch who posted 62, by far the highest score of his brief Test career, before being bowled round his legs in the last 30 minutes of play by lanky Sarfraz Nawaz.

The first casualty of the Australian second innings was makeshift opener Dave Whatmore, the first innings top scorer with 43, who was thrust into the position in place of the injured Graeme Wood.

Whatmore, too, fell victim to Sarfraz, playing a rearing ball on to his wicket, for 15 with the score at 19.

Earlier, Pakistan captain Mush-taq Mohammad declared his side's second innings closed at 353 for nine, setting Australia a target of 382 runs for victory at a rate of 43 runs an hour or approximately 3.5 runs an over.

Pakistan began the day at 179 for five after one hour's play was lost because of damp wicket surroundings. It was Australia's new ball pair of Rodney Hogg and Alan Hurst who shared the wickets.

Hogg, who trapped Asif Iqbal lbw or 44, finished with 3 for 75 and Hurst, who at one stage had the unflattering figures of 0 for 102, snapped up Wasim Raja for 28, Sarfraz Nawaz for 1 and Imran Khan for 28 to finish with 3 for 115.

Taipei sport unit to view IOC bid

TAIPEI, March 14, (R) — The Taiwan Olympic Committee will discuss next week the International Olympic Committee's invitation for talks with Peking representatives in Lausanne on March 27, its president said Wednesday. IOC President Lord Killanin has asked for a reply before March 22.

Shen Chia-ming, president of the Taiwan committee, said he did not know if Taiwan would accept the invitation.



Spring training: Happiest time of the baseball year

By Red Barber
TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — It used to be that all baseball teams had their players report to their home parks a week or so before the season started. Despite the cold northern winter, the players would try to get into shape, and many days they would have to throw under the stands.

In 1886, Harry Wright brought his Philadelphia team to Charleston, S.C., to train and Cap Anson took a dozen or so of his Chicago

Nationals to Hot Springs, Ark. The idea caught on. Now most teams are based in Florida with some in Arizona and California.

I heard Connie Mack talk about going to spring training with the Washington team in 1888. It took three nights and two days by train to get to Jacksonville, Fla. Then the players discovered the hotels didn't want them. Finally, one hotel agreed to take the club, providing the players did not mingle with the guests or eat in the dining

room.
Today all the swank hotels and motels vie for the baseball business. The players drive to training camp in anything from a Rolls-Royce on down.
It used to be that all players stayed in one hotel. Not any more. The players get expensive money and stay where they please. Once it was the custom for teams to burnstorm their way home, playing in one small town after another. Now the team stays in the

town.
In the spring the sap rises. Training camp is relaxed. Managers are optimistic. Young players look great, older players will surely have one more good season. The working hours are short, leaving time for golf, fishing or just driving around.
I went to spring training camps 33 times, and I enjoyed every one. A baseball season is so long. The days get hot. Doubleheaders pile up. Airplane travel has taken away the romance and comfort and friendships of the trains. At the close of each season you have had enough. But in spring training everything is fresh again.

You would get to camp and see old friends: Jackie Robinson, Pee Wee Reese, Gil Hodges, Carl Erskine, Preacher Roe, Roy Campanella, Mickey Mantle, Whitey Ford, Elston Howard, Casey Stengel, Bobby Richardson, Roger Maris. Always everyone asked everyone: "How was the winter? How is the family?" You would hear Leo Durocher's brassy tones or Char-

lie Dressen's sharp whistle.
More than any other person in spring training who was good to be with was Branch Rickey. It was Rickey who trained the Dodgers in Cuba in 1947, and in the Dominican Republic in 1948, until Florida and the South were ready for Jackie Robinson. By then Rickey had gotten a former naval air training station at Vero Beach, Fla., and turned it into Dodgertown. Dodgertown is the complete spring training camp — rooms, food, diamonds, swimming pool and golf course.
I don't miss the baseball grind, the travel, the lonely hotel rooms. But at this time of the year, I do think of the spring training trips. Baseball in its way actually captures what the Song of Solomon was saying: "For, Lo! the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land."
But it isn't the voice of the turtle. It is the voice of the play-by-play announcer saying what the score is, who is at bat, and be sure to get your season tickets right away.
(Walter Lanier (Red) Barber was a major league broadcaster for over thirty years and was inducted into the Hall of Fame last August) (Special features).

Wolves finally shatter 3rd-Divisioners' dream

LONDON, March 14 (R) — Wolverhampton Wanderers shattered the Wembley dreams of tiny Third Division club Shrewsbury Tuesday night, 3-1, in their English Football Association F.A. Cup quarterfinal replay.

Shrewsbury did all the hard work last Saturday, drawing 1-1 away to Wolverhampton, but the First Division club turned on extra power in the replay with goals from Willie Carr, Bill Rafferty and a Peter Daniel penalty.

Wolves, who last won the F.A. Cup 19 years ago, will meet either Arsenal or Southampton in the semifinals.

Liverpool, already through to the last four, continued its relentless pursuit of the First Division title with a 1-1 home draw against second-placed club rival Everton.

Earlier in the season, Everton beat Liverpool, 1-0 desperately needed another victory Tuesday night, but it was Liverpool which took the lead through Scotland's Kenney Dalgligh — his 17th goal.

Everton fought back bravely with an equalizer from Andy King, but the draw leaves them two points behind Liverpool which has played three games less.

Other results:

English League
Division One
Ipswich 1 Coventry 1

Middlesbrough	3	Derby	1
Division Two			
Burnley	2	Luton	1
Millwall vs Leicester	— postponed		
Notts Co.	4	Sheffield U.	1
Division Three			
Hull	1	Colchester	0
Sheffield Wed.	1	Br'ford	0
Walsall	4	Lincoln	1
Division Four			
Barnsley	4	Scunthorpe	1
Bradford	2	Reading	3
Crews	0	Newport	1
Exeter	1	Stockport	3
H'field	2	Bournemouth	1
N'hampton	1	Port Vale	0
Rochdale	2	Grimshy	5
Wimbledon vs. Darlington — postponed			
York	2	Halifax	0
Scottish League			
Division One			
Dumbarton	0	Kilmarnock	3
Stirling	1	Clydebank	3
Division Two			
Albion	1	Cowdenbeath	1
Dunfermline	1	St'muir	0

Rag-bag Southampton can pass through dire Forest

LONDON (AP) — Southampton Saturday attempts the first part of a "double" that could make English soccer history.

Southampton's aim is to become the first club to win both Wembley finals, the English F.A. Cup and the League cup, in the same season. Saturday sees the unfashionable club from the south coast take on League champion and European cup quarterfinalist Nottingham Forest in the League Cup final.

Two days later Southampton is at home to Arsenal in the quarterfinals of the English Cup.

Southampton's dream came closer to fulfillment this Monday, when Lawrie McMenemy's odd assortment of golden oldies and promising youngsters defeated West Bromwich Albion, 2-1 in extra time to earn a lucrative tie against Arsenal.

And Southampton defeated the London Club, 2-0, just 10 days ago in a fairly one-sided League encounter.

But McMenemy, a canny George who moulded a fine Southampton team despite very little money to spend, is allowing his side no thoughts of Arsenal until the encounter with Forest is over. There are those who feel the pressure will catch up with South-



VETERAN: Ex-England international Boyer — here negotiating QPR's Giliard in a recent game — will be crucial to the Southampton attack Saturday.

ampton and that Ian Clough's Nottingham Forest will have too much big-match experience to slip up at Wembley.

West Bromwich manager Bon Atkinson, whose team was beaten on a drama-filled Monday night at the claustrophobic ground South-

ampton calls The Dell, does not agree.

"I think if they can maintain their current form they have every

chance of reaching two finals," said Atkinson.

Southampton-unbeaten in 10 Cup encounters this season, played superbly to demolish West Bromwich, 2-1. But Forest — seeking to become the first club to retain the League Cup — could prove a very different proposition.

Clough has the knack of inspiring ordinary players to great heights and Forest is also looking for a double — the European and League Cups.

But problems are mounting for Clough. Not only is his one million pound striker Trevor Francis ineligible, but key defenders Viv Anderson and Kenny Burns missed the midweek League match against Norwich and are unlikely to be fit for Saturday.

One certain Wembley starter, however, is Colin Barrett, who missed last season's victory over Liverpool after playing in every round to the final.

Southampton will contain a number of unfamiliar faces but among them will be veterans like former England stars Alan Ball and Phil Boyer and experienced Irish international defender Chris Nicholl.

The 10,000 who will pack Wembley can look forward to determined action.

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Endorse Saudi call for dialogue

EEC heads agree to cut oil use

PARIS, March 14 (AP) — The nine leaders of the European Economic Community have agreed to reduce their oil consumption this year by about five per cent to a cumulative total of 500 million tons.

Winding up their two-day summit conference here Tuesday they also agreed to renew the pledge adopted by the European Community council in Bremen last July to reduce their dependence on imported energy to 50 per cent by 1985. The community now gets some 54 per cent of its energy from abroad.

Prime Minister James Cal-

aghan described them as having had "the most realistic discussions."

On Monday the summit decided to start up the new European monetary system, designed to stabilize European currencies against major market fluctuations, at the opening of European Trading Tuesday morning.

Initial reports indicated the start of the system, known by its initials EMS, had no immediate impact on the U.S. dollar. Many traders expected the new system to have little or new effect on the dollar, either in the short or long term.

The summit affirmed its conviction that tensions on the oil market create a "worrying" situation and that their aggravation would constitute "a serious danger for the economy of the world."

In order to maintain the world's energy balance of supply and demand, the communiqué called on the U.S. and Japan, as well as the European Community, to reduce their energy growth requirements. It also urged oil-producing countries to ensure the continuation of the world's economic development.

Underlining the need for dialogue with oil-producing coun-

tries, the summit supported the recent statement by Saudi Arabia calling for "rapid conservation" between producing and consuming countries.

The leaders also agreed to expand development of alternative sources of energy such as hydrocarbons, coal, nuclear, solar and geothermal power.

President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, as current chairman of the council, told a news conference after the meeting that the EEC's real growth this year is set to reach 3.4 per cent, up from 2.8 per cent in 1978 and above that predicted for the U.S.

He said that growth should continue in the next few months provided the international situation is not further aggravated by the persistent tensions on the oil market.

The communiqué said that the fight against inflation must remain the priority of economic policies of member states, and said that despite a certain improvement there are "excessive spreads" in the balance of payments positions of member countries.

"The balance of payments position may be compromised by the aggravation of the international oil situation," the communiqué said.

Another European summit is slated for Strasbourg, on June 22 and 23.

Profit-taking slows early positive trading

NEW YORK, March 14 — The market opened in positive territory and after rallying sharply faded in the late hours as traders took profits. At the close the Dow Jones industrial average was up 2.25, transports gained 1.31 and utilities lost .20. Volume of trading was 31 million shares. Breadth was on the positive side with gainers outnumbering losers by a 4 to 3 margin. The American Stock Exchange was up 1.76.

Growth and glamor issues were mixed and on the upside Digital gained 3/4 to 52, Minnesota Mining up 1/4 to 59 1/4. Xerox bounced 1/2 to 57 5/8, Motorola jumped 5/8 to 37 7/8, Texas Instruments 3/4 to 81 and Philip Morris was up 1/8 to 65 5/8. On the downside Upjohn lost 1/4 to 44 1/2, IBM fell 1/2 to 308 1/2, Eastman Kodak dipped 1/8 to 61 3/4, Polaroid fell 3/4 to 41 1/4, Hewlett Packard off 1/4 to 90 3/4 and Fairchild Camera dropped 1/2 to 36 3/8.

Energy related issues included Altecnic Richfield up 7/8 to 60 1/8, Mesa up 1/2 to 39, Standard of Ohio off 1/4 to 45 3/8, Mobil unchanged at 74 1/4, Exxon up 1/2 to 53, Pittston down 1/4 to 19 1/2.

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South Africa's white miners go back to work

JOHANNESBURG, March 14 (AP) — The South African white Mine Workers' Union called off its week-old strike Tuesday night and ordered miners to resume work at the shafts Wednesday, an official union statement said.

The union, which represents less than half of the 36,000 white miners, said it would immediately begin negotiations with the Chamber of Mines "to regain the benefits which the members had lost" during the strike.

The chamber dismissed miners who participated in the illegal action and said they would forfeit all benefits should they decide to



REPAIRS: The 219,000-ton Greek tanker Andros Patria, holed by an explosion off North-West Spain Dec. 31, pictured recently in Lisnave shipyard in Tagus estuary opposite Lisbon where it under going repairs. (AP photo)

Including Saudi Arabia

Pan Am eyes Mideast growth

WASHINGTON, March 14 (AP) — Pan American World Airways says that the recent upheaval in Iran has pointed up its vulnerability in the Middle East and asked the U.S. Civil Aeronautics Board for permission to serve new destinations.

Pan Am said it "requires the

flexibility to choose the most appropriate intermediate point or to enable it to continue to provide the U.S. traveling public with service between the United States and Mideast and India and flights in both directions around the world."

Its service to Tehran was severely disrupted during the recent turmoil in Iran.

Pan Am requested authority to serve Athens, Cairo, Amman, Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Sharjah, Muscat, Oman, Kuwait, Riyadh and Jeddah.

The application also included Bahrain and Dhahran, where Pan Am has temporary authority.

In separate action, Pan Am asked the CAB to deny an application by American Airlines that would strip Pan Am of its New York-London route and award it

to American.

"American's proposal would guarantee neither lower fares nor improved service between New York and London," Pan Am said. "In fact, it would probably yield less of both."

Common Market allots credits for projects in Arab countries

BRUSSELS, March 14 (R) — The Common Market Commission is to provide finance totalling over \$11 million for various projects in North Africa and Middle East countries, an EEC statement says.

A subsidy of \$4 million will go to various small technical cooperation projects in the Arab world, the statement said Tuesday.

Jordan will receive a special

Carter's inflation policy attacked

WASHINGTON, March 14 (R) — Veteran American labor leader George Meany said bluntly Tuesday that President Jimmy Carter's voluntary anti-inflation guidelines were not working.

Meany, 84-year-old president of the American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO) said the trade union body had taken court action to prevent Carter from withholding federal contracts from firms which violated these guidelines.

Meany told a news conference: "It is obvious from the recent consumer and wholesale price index reports that the anti-inflation program is not working, at least as far as prices and profits go."

He said the AFL-CIO had filed a federal court suit to throw out the President's authority to prevent firms which violated the wages guidelines from getting government contracts.

If the Teamsters' Union won a big wage increase in its current negotiations with the trucking industry, he felt that the administration guidelines would "go to bottom of the tidal basin."

loan of \$5 million to grant credit to small farmers.

Egypt will be given a grant of \$1.28 million for a program to improve 26,080 hectares of salt marsh in the Hamuli District of the Nile Delta and another subsidy of \$675,000 for a study on improving farm storage installations.

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4-Tonnages Discharged:(Freight Tons): 55,080

5-WAITING TIME: NIL

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Opening Wednesday	SAMA rate	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.36	3.37	3.37
Pound Sterling	6.87	6.92	6.92
Deutsche Mark	1.81 (100)	181.75	181.00
Swiss F	2.02	202.00	201.25
French F	0.79	79.00	78.75
Italian Lira (1000)	—	4.25	4.10
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	108.00	109.00
Syrian Lira (100)	—	80.00	86.50
Egyptian Pound	—	4.52	4.80
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.25	12.25
Jordanian Dinar	—	11.33	11.33
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	87.75	87.75
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	87.75	87.75
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.77	8.77
Iranian Riyal (100)	—	41.00	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	9.45	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	74.00	74.00
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	80.00	88.25
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	41.50
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	33.00	34.30
Gold kg	—	26,100	—
10 Tolas bar	—	3,050	—
Silver kg bar	—	800	—
Japanese yen (100)	1.61	—	—
Canadian dollar	2.87	—	—
Belgian franc (10)	1.14	—	—
Dutch guilder	1.67	1.69	1.69
Italian Lira (100)	0.40	—	—

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4	—	MARE ARTICO	O. Trade	Bananas	13/3/79
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6	—	—	—	—	—
7	—	—	—	—	—
8	—	—	—	—	—
9	—	ALASKA	O.C.E.	Reefer	11/3/79
10	—	Sinal 1	Star	Reefer	11/3/79
11	—	—	—	—	—
12	—	Phaedra	Alasbah	Steel	13/3/79
13	—	—	—	—	—
14	—	—	—	—	—
15	—	RENAME SCHULTE	S.N.L.	Gen./Contrs./Lub Oil	12/3/79
16	—	ANEMOS	M.T.A.	Containers	13/3/79
17	—	—	—	—	—
18	—	—	—	—	—
19	—	—	—	—	—
20	—	MAERSK COMMANDER	Baroom	Bagged Cement	13/3/79
21	—	ELENI 2	A.A.	Bagged Cement	10/3/79
22	—	FLUI 2	A.A.	Bagged Cement	8/3/79
23	—	FILIPINAS SAUDI 1	S.A.M.A.	Accommodation Ship	—
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44	—	—	—	—	—

2-Recent Arrivals

PHADRA	Alasbah	Steel	13/3/79
JOLLY VERDE	Gulf	Cars	—
ZEBEDIELA	Star	Bananas	—
ANU	Red Sea	Ro Ro	—
MAERSK COMMANDER	Baroom	Bagged Cement	—
MARE ARTICO	O.C.E.	Bananas	—
ANEMOS	M.T.A.	Containers	—

3-Vessels Expected to Arrive With in Next 24 Hours

ACHILLEUS	Rolaco	Bulk Cement	14/3/79
EL GAVILAN	Orri	General	—
SENNAR	A.E.T.	General	—
SONIA SOPHIA "S"	Alasbah	Dura	—
Kata	Alasbah	General	—
HELLENIC LEADER	Alpha	General	—
WILD Clover	Orri	Bagged Grain-Houses	—
PANAMA	Rezyet	Containers	—
GREEN VALLEY	Kanoo	Loading Empty Barges	—
TFL PROSPERITY	Abdallah	Ro Ro	—
FOSS DUNKERQUE	Fayez	Ro Ro	—
MUTSU MARU	Alireza	Cars	—

4-Tonnages Discharged:(Freight Tons): 19,050

5-WAITING TIME: NIL

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International

Casualties undetermined

Strong tremor hits Mexico

MEXICO CITY, March 14 (Agencies) — A severe earthquake damaged buildings and sprayed broken glass over the streets of downtown Mexico City before dawn Wednesday and the Red Cross reported an undetermined number of casualties.

The Fire Department said at least three buildings, including an apartment block, had collapsed and it was feared that people had been trapped.

Assessments of the quake's strength differed.

Official reports in Mexico City said it measured seven on the Richter Scale.

But the seismological institute in Uppsala, Sweden, said it measured 7.6 and the U.S. Geological Survey in Golden, Colorado, said it registered 7.9 on the Richter Scale.

The U.S. Geological Survey and the official reports in Mexico both said the quake was centered 320 kilometers southwest of Mexico City and occurred just after 5.00 a.m.

They noted that it was the second significant quake in the area in less than two months. On Jun. 26, a tremor measuring 6.9 on the Richter Scale was felt in Mexico City.

The Fire Department reported several small fires and explosions due to leaking gas after the quake and said electricity had been cut off in many parts of the city.

Damage was reported in Acapulco, a popular resort, and the highway to it from Mexico City was blocked by landslides. Lights were out in several sections of the

capital of 13 million people when a strong aftershock hit almost exactly an hour after the main shock rolled through the capital shortly after 5 a.m.

Tourists gathered in small frightened knots in front of the towering hotels on the De la Reforma Boulevard. Glass from broken windows littered the sidewalk.

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French government faces criticism from left, right

PARIS, March 14 (R) — The French government's economic and European policies were expected to come under concerted fire from both left and right in an emergency parliamentary debate Wednesday on the country's jobs crisis.

The special session began just four days before voting in France's local government elections.

President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing reluctantly agreed to recall parliament two weeks early after 315 deputies from the 491-member house requested the debate. But the president publicly questioned their political motives.

The two main opposition parties, the Communists and Socialists, have put down separate resolutions censuring the government, but spokesmen for both parties said the real censure vote would come in next Sunday's elections.

Unemployment in France is set at 1,350,000 and public discontent with Premier Raymond

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United States, said the locked door of her hotel room flew open. "I went outside and part of the inside of the hall fell down," she said. "You couldn't stand up."

"I got up and saw my clothes swaying in the closet. I went to the door and the wall split. I went into the hall and saw the fire extinguisher hose fly out," said Dale Wright, 54.

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STEEL STRIKE : Police in Denain, France, rough up a demonstrator recently during clashes with steelworkers protesting scheduled layoffs in their industry. The steel strike was the main factor behind President Giscard d'Estaing's calling an emergency debate in the National Assembly Wednesday. (AP photo).

Against guerrilla disruption

Rhodesia generals warn on vote

SALISBURY, March 14 (AP) — A dusk-to-dawn curfew has been ordered for Salisbury's industrial area, as two Rhodesian

military chiefs predict bloody general elections in their embattled country in the face of guerrilla threats to sabotage the polls.

Police Wednesday announced the curfew as "a precautionary measure to prevent any further possibility of terrorist attack."

In the past three months, insurgents have attacked two strategic installations in Salisbury — a power station and an oil depot. The power plant was undamaged, but millions of gallons of fuel were lost in the fuel dump fire.

Police officials told a news con-

ference here, "our men will be under instructions to call on unauthorized people to halt in the curfew area, but if they don't they are likely to be shot at."

Night workers will be allowed into the industrial areas under special arrangements being made for when the curfew begins Sunday.

The industrial sites adjoin three black townships.

Curfews exist in most rural areas infiltrated by up to 12,000 guerrillas. Hundreds of black civilians have been slain by security forces as curfew breakers.

In Salisbury, newly appointed Army Commander Lt.-Gen. Andrew "Sandy" MacLean declared Wednesday that guerrilla vows to wreck the elections "will lead to an escalation of the war — but to the detriment of the terrorists."

And Supreme Military Commander Lt.-Gen. Peter Walls, told a news conference in Johannesburg Tuesday the casualty toll — already at record levels — would rise higher if the guerrillas tried to sabotage the polls.

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Geldenhuys did not say where the base was situated.

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Good Morning

Diagnosis

By Jihad Al-Khazen

A few weeks ago, we heard that Britain's Health Secretary David Ennals had to be hospitalized in the midst of a strike by hospital personnel throughout Britain. Of course, some of the strikers thought that the minister should be taught a lesson, but others thought he should be cared for. It is the latter faction that won in the end.

The important thing about all this is that, by so doing, the workers demonstrated that even the lowest of the low can refuse to help a minister, without any fear of losing their jobs or being thrown in a dark prison cell. The second thing is that although the patient was the minister of health himself, no state of emergency was declared in all hospitals, and no clinics competed to treat the patient. He went to the nearest hospital and was given a bed in a six-bed room.

Ennals should serve as an example for all health ministers in the Arab and the Third World. The peculiar thing about it is that a health minister can have bad health, like Prince Majid Arslan who was appointed health minister once in Lebanon, and had to be helped into his office every day.

It is said that during the visit of Chinese Deputy Premier Teng Hsiao Ping to the United States, the Americans observed the man very carefully. Intelligence agents, psychiatrists, psychologists and physicians studied the way he moved, the pitch of his voice, the pockets beneath his eyes and their color, the shape of his head, the color of his skin and the size of his fingers, etc. and concluded that he will not live for more than two years.

We might have had faith in the genius of the Americans and their diagnosis at a distance, had we not known that the Middle East ailment has been in their hands for years and every time they prescribe a treatment for it, conditions deteriorate until the whole area is now about to breathe its last.

The Americans are not the first to find themselves betrayed by technology when diagnosing a disease and prescribing a treatment, but the problem lies in their self-satisfied conceit. Their intelligence agents were inside the Shah's palace and yet did not realize what type of ailment his regime was suffering. Instead of abandoning the guessing game after their scandalous failure, they try to determine Teng's maladies and hence China's policy; and all this through mere observation.

Perhaps, if the Americans had acted as forthrightly as Ennals did, they might learn from the patients in the Middle East the headache they suffer from, instead of deciding that "they know where it pains us more than we do."

Translated from "Ashraf Al Awsat."

Overnight artillery duels light skies over Lebanon

SIDON, Lebanon, March 14 (Agencies) — Intermittent artillery duels flared between Palestinian forces and Israeli border gunners in south Lebanon overnight Wednesday. Provincial authorities said the casualty toll rose to two killed and 10 wounded in 24 hours.

The governor's office of this provincial capital said all the vic-

tims were Lebanese civilians from Nabatieh and the neighboring village of Kfar Tibnit.

Both are 12 miles north of the international frontier. Nabatieh suffered a day long bombardment Tuesday and Kfar Tibnit came under fire during the night.

A five-year-old schoolboy from Zohar, near Nabatieh, was killed Tuesday and a 14-year-old girl from Kfar Tibnit died overnight as a result of the Israeli shelling, which died down.

The Palestinian news agency Wafa reported two Israeli gunboats shelled the town of Damour 12 miles south of Beirut.

But residents reached by phone said the coastal town came under no fire during the night. They said commando gunners fired at suspicious objects in the sea.

Tuesday PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat said Israel had warned him through an unnamed European country that it planned "to mask trouble."

Arafat has spoken in the past of Israeli warnings to him through third parties. He did not give details of this one.

S. Africans attack base of SWAPO over border

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days against bases of the guerrillas, who are waging a limited bush war aimed at ending South African administration of Namibia.

Geldenhuys had earlier announced that South African ground and air forces destroyed more than 12 guerrilla bases in Angola and Zambia last week.

(The Zambian government said South African planes and helicopters killed nine Zambians and wounded 14 in indiscriminate bombing attacks on villages and an army camp in south-west Zambia.)



TURIN : The bodies of two terrorists killed in a shootout with police in a restaurant recently. One policeman was wounded, as police reported, the terrorists started shooting when they saw police squad approaching. (AP photo)

Mount Ararat or bust

SALISBURY, March 14 (AP) — A police patrol in a south western Rhodesian village early Wednesday morning stopped an elderly man with a white beard herding cattle, goats and chickens into a makeshift wooden contraption according to a report reaching the Military Command here Wednesday.

Questioned, the man said the end of life was coming, and wanted to safeguard his livestock in the boat to start life afresh later on.

According to the report, included in a daily list of incidents involving guerrillas, the man — who was black — gave his name as Noah.

People stunned

Coup in Grenada seems successful

ST. GEORGE'S, Grenada, March 14 (R) — White shirts and other improvised flags of surrender fluttered over this Caribbean island's police stations Wednesday after a coup headed by leftist opposition leader Maurice Bishop.

Most of the cabinet ministers and members of ousted Prime Minister Sir Eric Gairy's secret police known as the Mongse Gang — were under arrest.

Bishop's government appeared to be firmly in control of the country.

In the capital armed men patrolled the streets Tuesday night as a curfew was imposed on the island. The airport was closed.

Bishop, an opponent of the gairy government for 20 years, declared himself prime minister.

Tuesday's dawn coup, in which the radio station and army barracks were swiftly seized, came only a few hours after Sir Eric flew to New York for talks at the United Nations. He had led Grenada for 30 years almost without interrup-

tion. So far the population's reaction has been muted. Most people seemed too surprised by events to do more than sit outside their houses and listen to radio bulletins.

Bishop declined to say how many people were involved in the coup, but some sources said they believed as many as 7,000 men took part.

His education minister, Dr. Wellington Friday, who accompanied him to New York, said that the assistance was needed because the security of the entire Caribbean was at risk if the coup were successful.

Caribbean foreign ministers were expected to meet in emergency session in Barbados Wednesday to discuss the implications of the coup.

Although they will almost certainly condemn the use of force to take over power in the island, there seems little they can or will want to do to reverse the coup.

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Syria and Iraq were holding contacts to decide whether an Arab foreign ministers conference should be convened to decide upon anti-Egyptian sanctions.

Iraq's ruling Baath Party newspaper Wednesday called for implementing the Baghdad summit resolutions providing for sanctions against Egypt and moving the Arab League headquarters from Cairo should an Egyptian-Israeli treaty be concluded.

Commenting on Carter's mission, "Al-Thawra" said "all indications affirm that coordination and understanding between the American administration and the regime of Sadat have covered

a long way... "Whether Sadat signs (a peace agreement with Israel) or not, the situation will not change and the Arab nation should apply the Baghdad summit resolutions to him," it added.

The government newspaper "Al-Jumhuriya" said the Arabs, both on the official and popular levels, should maintain their "denunciation of any unilateral peace agreement between the current regime in Egypt and the Zionist entity."

Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmed Al Sabah said that his country believed that any separate Middle

East settlement will provide Israel with an opportunity "to carry out its aggressive plans in the region."

In a statement Sheikh Sabah added that a unilateral solution would not lead to "the peace which our Arab nation wants, a peace based on righteousness and justice, fully restoring the Palestinian national rights and achieving Israel's withdrawal from all occupied Arab territories including Jerusalem."

Sheikh Sabah said efforts to conclude "a unilateral agreement with the Zionist enemy are considered attempts to split Arab ranks and solidarity which Kuwait is

keen to consolidate."

The Kuwait foreign minister reiterated his country's commitment to resolutions of Arab summit conferences including the Baghdad meeting. "Implementing the Baghdad summit resolutions is the best way to confront any form of unilateral solutions undermining Arab and Palestinian rights," Sheikh Sabah said.

Alia

den thunderstorms at this time of the year that blow up unexpectedly with gale force dumping huge amounts of water in just a few moments.

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oil supplies to some Japanese companies might increase inflationary pressure in Japan, dealers said.

The U.S. firm, which says it has insufficient oil to meet the needs of its oil company affiliates, will stop supplies to non-affiliated firms when their contracts expire.

The Shell group and the U.S. Gulf Oil Company have also said they will reduce supplies to Japan, which is notoriously short of mineral resources and depends on imports for more than 99 per cent of its vital oil needs.

Another factor supporting the dollar was the start of the European Monetary System (EMS) and fresh European Common Market criticism of Japan's trade surpluses, which helped depress the American currency last year.

Foreign exchange dealers said the yen would probably continue to weaken against the dollar following uncertainty over oil supplies to Japan and possible fresh infantry pressures.

The sources said the Bank of Japan was trying hard to stem the fall in the value of the yen, which it fears could accelerate a rise in Japanese wholesale prices.

The bank has sold between \$ 810 and \$ 910 million to support the yen since Monday morning, when the dollar rate stood at

204.70 yen.

In a related development four Japanese trading firms were reported Wednesday to have concluded long-term contracts to buy Iranian oil amounting to more than 400,000 barrels a day.

Quoting an unidentified trade source, Kyodo news service said the contracted oil will reach 122 million barrels this year, covering about one half of oil Japan imported from Iran in 1977.

However, the sources said the Japanese firms—Mitsui and Company, Mitsubishi Corp., C. Itoh and Company and Marubeni Corp.—had agreed to let their contractor, the National Iranian Oil Corp. (NIOC), decide later on the price of oil based on the decision by OPEC.

Soviets

being accused of starting the same sort of modest military support which led to heavy U.S. involvement in Vietnam that they avoid using the word advisers.

The U.S. involvement in Vietnam began with deployment of advisers which grew from small numbers in the early 1960s to thousands and finally to full-scale deployment of meo units.

The instructors going to North Yemen are called "mobile training teams."

Soviets send up rocket to resupply space station

MOSCOW, March 14 (R) — A Soviet unmanned cargo craft docked with the Salyut-6 space station Wednesday, bringing supplies and equipment for its crew.

Tass said Progress-5, which was launched from Soviet Central Asia early on Monday, linked up with the station's second docking port Wednesday morning.

Cosmonauts Valery Ryumin and Vladimir Lyakhov, who have been on board Salyut for the past two weeks, were expected to begin

the long task of unloading the ship's cargo later.

Although the craft is the fifth unmanned ship to dock with the station, the process of transferring fuel from Progress to Salyut's tanks is still regarded by western experts as difficult and risky.

Tass said Progress-5, which was guided home by the Salyut crew, carried materials for repairing some of the station's systems worn out during its 18 months in service.

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Graham explained to a 12-man delegation, which included two mullahs, that entry regulations could not be changed, but he would try to ensure that procedures were streamlined.

The demonstration, the first here against Britain since the embassy was set on fire in anti-Shah rampages last November, followed a dispute over alleged ill-treatment of some Iranians arriving at London's Heathrow Airport.

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